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WHERE CAN I HUNT PHEASANTS AND/OR WATERFOWL?

Pheasant populations do well when weedy vegetation in fallow fields, ditch banks and other non-farmed areas are preserved for nesting and brood cover. Corn stubble, grain straw, and other crop residues left in the fields over winter provide critical food and cover for pheasants and other wildlife. Cleaning only one side of a ditch leaves critical habitat for wildlife. Planting of perennial vegetation on levees, road corridors, field borders or other non-farmed areas will produce pheasants.

The 2002 general statewide pheasant season is November 9, 2002 through December 20, 2002. Only male pheasants may be taken as follows: Two male pheasants per day for the first two days of the season and three male pheasants per day thereafter. Hunters may possess four male pheasants on the second day and six male pheasants on and after the third day of the hunting season. The shooting hours for pheasants shall be 8:00 a.m. to sunset.

Note – The pheasant season is two weeks longer than it was last year. The Fish and Game Commission believes that the additional season length will not negatively impact the number of roosters needed for breeding in the spring and will provide additional hunting opportunity. See "Why a Longer Pheasant Season" in this edition..

In general, the Sacramento Valley pheasant brood survival was fair because of a drier than average Spring. Hunting prospects may be below average in most locations.

GAMEBIRD HERITAGE HUNTS – JUNIOR, WOMEN'S, FAMILY, AND WILD BIRD PHEASANT HUNTS – See articles in this edition.

LICENSED GAME BIRD CLUBS

Licensed game bird clubs are private areas where released game birds are hunted. Some offer daily or multiple-bird hunting opportunities. There are Zone A and Zone B Clubs. Both hens and roosters are legal to hunt.

There are 2 basic options used in operating a Private Licensed Game Bird Club: 1) the Scheduled Field Method or 2) the Free Roaming System. The Scheduled Field Method often requires a call ahead and a request for a certain number of birds in your own field. Your card may be pre-punched for the number of birds you requested. The Free Roaming System is more flexible for the hunter in that their cards are punched only with the number of birds they actually take home. The hunter must be very ethical, not pass up hens and make every effort to retrieve slightly crippled pheasants or the price per bird may be higher under either system.

The following Zone A clubs are located in the Central Valley. The Zone A shooting season for pheasants shall commence on the Saturday nearest the 15th of October and extend for 114 consecutive days. For other domestically reared game birds (usually chukar and bobwhite quail), the Zone A shooting season begins on September 1 and ends on March 31 of the following year. Please contact the clubs for specifics about their operation.

CCF Hunting Club, 4229 Kathy Lane, Chico, CA 95973, 530 894-5555

Gaines Afton Ranch, PO Box 132, Durham, CA 95938, 530 882-4607.

H & H Gun Club, 3971 Keefer Road, Chico, CA 95973, 530 892-2582.

Quail Point Preserve, PO Box 848, Knights Landing, CA 95645, 530 735-6217.

Wyman Creek Pheasant Club, 320 Middle Honcut Road, Oroville, CA 95965, 530 846-0428.

Salt Creek Pheasant Club, PO Box 187, Williams CA 95987, 530 473-2333.

Dunnigan Pheasant Club, P.O. Box 200, Zamora, CA 95698, 530 662-0454.

Live Oak Gun Club, 421 Del Norte Ave., Yuba City, CA 95991, 530 671-5858.

South Butte Game Bird Club, P.O. Box 572, Sutter, CA 95982, 530 674-1064.

Garcia's Pheasant Club, 3121 Humphrey Road, Loomis, CA 95650, 916 652-2395

Lakeview Farms Inc., 5490 Riosa Road West, Lincoln, CA 95648, 530 633-9112, 916 645-9117, LAKEVIEWFARMS@PRODIGY.COM.

Yankee Slough Hunt Club Inc., 3805 Hwy 65, Lincoln, CA 95648, 916 645-6028, FAX 916 645-1617.
Barsetti Hunt Club, 28568 N. Cherokee Lane, Galt, CA 95632, 209 368-6150.

Birds Limited, P.O. Box 646, Cool, CA 95614, 530 823-9310

Cahoon Pheasant Club, 31249 E. Combs Road, Escalon, CA 95320, 209 838-6085.

Big Valley Hunting Club, 13581 Canada Street, La Grange, CA 95329, 209 563-0047.

Pheasant Valley Hunting Club, 4240 Carter Road, Farmington, CA 95230, 209 886-5109

The following Zone B clubs are located throughout California, other than the Central Valley. The Zone B shooting season shall commence on September 1 and close May 31. Please contact the clubs individually for the specifics of their operation.

Moore Hunt Club, PO Box 57, Lookout, CA 96054, (60 miles W of Alturas), 530 294-5586.

Red Bank Ale & Quail, PO Box 8295, Red Bluff, CA 96080, 530 529-9435, FAX 530 529-9627.

Romero Ranch Hunt Club, PO Box 517, Likely, CA 96116, 530 233-4938.

Dash Ranch, 12999 Oak Run Road, Oak Run, CA 96069, 530 472-3145.

Rising Sun Hunt Preserve, 8300 Holzhauser Road, Dorris, CA 96023, 530 397-3621.

Sky Mountain Game Bird Club, 6931 Andrews Road, Dorris, CA 96023, 530 397-2235.

Clear Creek Sports Club, 5714 Anita Road, Chico, CA 95973, 530 343-3364.

Birds Landing Hunt Preserve, PO Box 5, Birds Landing, CA 94512, 707 374-5092.

Black Point Sports Club, 7711 Lakeville Hwy, Petaluma, CA 94954, 707 763-0076.

Garcia's Hunting Preserve (Yolo County), P.O. Box 1257, Loomis, CA 95650, 916 652-2395.

Hastings Island Hunting Preserve, 7758 Hastings Island Road, Rio Vista, CA 94571-1026, 707 678-3325, FAX 707 678-1604.

North Branch Hunting Preserve, 3387 Highway 12, San Andreas, CA 95249, 209 754-4903.

Potter Valley Sportsmen, 6950 Hwy 20, Ukiah, CA 95482, 707 485-5188.

Suisun Marsh Hunting Preserve, PO Box 698, Fairfield, CA 94533, 707 425-4158.

Thunderhill Pheasant Club, 5150 Highway 162, Willows, CA 95988, 530 934-2146.

Comanche Hills Hunting Preserve, Inc., 2951 Curran Road, Lone, CA 95640, 209 763-5270.

COMMUNITY PHEASANT HUNTING AREAS

These hunting co-operatives are usually operated as a fund raiser for community projects. Most operate only during the pheasant season, and all Fish and Game regulations apply. Pen raised pheasants augment the natural populations on these private lands. Hunters pay a nominal fee (usually \$75-140). Members receive a map of the available lands and there are usually no field assignments or check in/out requirements. You just go hunting!

Glenn Pheasant Association, Kathy Withrow, PO Box 6, Glenn, CA 95943, (530) 934-3606

Willows Pheasant Association, Julie Holvik, PO Box 306, Willows, CA 95988 (530) 934-3695

Willows Elks Pheasant Club, 150 South Shasta St. Willows, CA 95988 (530) 934-4321

Richvale Hunting Area, PO Box 96, Richvale, CA 95974 (530) 882-4263

Yolo Sportsmen's Association, PO Box 82, Woodland CA 95776 (530) 662-2349

Knights Landing Sportsmen's Club, Inc, PO Box 547, Knights Landing, CA 95645 (530) 662-3372

Meridian Pheasant Association, Tom Teesdale, PO Box 305, Meridian, CA 95957 (530) 696-2539

South Sutter Recreation Association, Diane Fales, 265 Worth Road, Nicolaus, CA 95659 (530) 656-2303

Friends of Clarksburg Youth, Kathy Merwin, PO Box 66, Clarksburg, CA 95612 (916) 744-1376

Stockton Sportsmen's Club, PO Box 1364, Stockton, CA 95201 (209) 957-9717 Check station is at the corner of Airport Way and McMullin Road about 6 miles southwest of Manteca.

FEE FOR ACCESS CLUBS - These clubs offer sportsmen access to a wide variety of land for all types of hunting. Usually you will find low hunter density on exclusive land that is accessible only through reservations. Depending on the club, hunting opportunities can include bird, waterfowl, and big game hunting.

Butte City Hunting Club, 1559 County Road Z, Butte City, CA 95920, 530 982-0234.

Golden Ram, Inc. Sportsmen's Club, 321 Endless Court, El Dorado Hills, CA 95762, (916 941-7880, FAX (916) 941-7868, info@GoldenRamHunting.com

Richmond Hunting Club, PO Box 20786, El Sobrante, CA 94820-0786, (510) 741-8055.

Wilderness Unlimited, 20974 Corsair Blvd., Hayward, CA 94545, 510 785-4868.

DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME TYPE A WILDLIFE AREAS (WA) AND NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGES (NWR)

Commonly asked questions about how I get access to the Type A State Wildlife Areas and Federal Wildlife Refuges for pheasant or waterfowl hunting?

How do I apply for a reservation? Official applications are available to the public through license agents and department offices. Applicants can purchase either a \$1.05 application card or a \$5.25 application card to apply for either 1 hunt day or 5 hunt days, or may apply for every available Saturday, Sunday, and/or Wednesday hunt date for one or more areas by completing a season-long application card and returning it with the appropriate payment to the License and Revenue Branch. To be included in the drawing, the completed application must be received in the License and Revenue Branch, 3211 S Street, Sacramento, CA 95816, or at the address indicated on the application at least 17 days before the hunt date requested.

Hunters may apply for a reservation as many times per season as desired but no more than once for each area for each shoot day. A reservation shall assure entry for up to six persons including the person in whose name the reservation was issued. No more than two persons may be hunters who have adult licenses. Each person who is at least 18 years of age may be accompanied by up to two hunters holding junior hunting licenses or two non-shooters or one of each. Northern California exceptions: At the Sacramento and Delevan National Wildlife Refuges, each reservation assures entry for up to four individuals, whether adult hunters, junior hunters, or non-shooters. Numbered reservations will be honored in numerical order, starting at the time the check station opens.

How can I hunt one of the Type A State Wildlife Areas and Federal Wildlife Refuges if I do not have a reservation? The Type A refuges and wildlife areas are operated with the following 2 basic procedures:

1. Lottery Drawing for First-come, first-served list - Sacramento, Delevan, and Colusa NWR's, Upper Butte Basin WA (Little Dry Creek Unit), and Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area - Hunters without reservations may register at the checking station between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. for a drawing. The drawing will be held at 8:00 PM on the evening (Tues., Fri., and Sat.) before each hunt day. The results of the drawing will establish the order of sale of entry permits to fill existing vacancies in the hunter quota. Non-reservation hunters arriving after 8:00 PM will be assigned a first-come, first-served number. Overnight parking is allowed, but not required at all check stations except Yolo Bypass WA where overnight parking is not allowed. Exception - Yolo Bypass WA - Hunters without reservations may register at the area headquarters 2 miles west of the hunter check station on County Road 32-B (Chiles Road) between 4:00 PM and 6:00 PM on Tuesday and Friday before each hunt day to participate in a lottery drawing that will be held at 6:00 PM. On Saturday afternoon the lottery is held at the check station at 6 p.m.

2. First-come, first served line - Grizzly Island and Gray Lodge WA's, Upper Butte Basin WA (Howard Slough and Llano Seco Units) and Sutter NWR - Hunters without a reservation may obtain a first-come, first-served number starting at 4:00 PM the day before the hunt except for the Howard Slough and Llano Seco Units where the first-come, first served line is established at 6 p.m. After receiving a number, hunters must remain in the parking lot until a permit is purchased in the morning.

Can I use lead shot to hunt pheasants at the Type A areas? - At Grizzly Island WA; Sacramento, Delevan, Colusa, and Sutter NWR's only steel or other nontoxic shot approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service may be used or possessed in the field. Gray Lodge, Yolo Bypass, and Upper Butte Basin WA's allow the use of lead shot if you are hunting pheasants ONLY.

The following are Type A Areas in this region:

Sutter National Wildlife Refuge - Hunter capacity is 70 - Pheasant hunting is on waterfowl shoot days during the pheasant season. For info call 530 934-2801. Location and Access - Area is twelve miles southwest of Yuba City. From Yuba City travel south on Highway 99 for 6 miles to Oswald Road, turn west, proceed for 5 1/2 miles to the check station. Reservations: Available during the waterfowl season and pheasant season. Check Station: During the waterfowl season the check station will open at least two hours before shooting time. Reservations must be presented at the check station one hour before waterfowl shooting time.

Colusa National Wildlife Refuge - Hunter capacity is 80. Pheasant hunting is on waterfowl shoot days during the pheasant season. For info call 530 934-2801. Location and Access: Check Station Location located on Ware Road between Ohm and Lone Star Roads Approximately five miles east of Williams. Traveling on Interstate 5, turn east 2 miles south of Williams on Husted Road, proceed north one mile to Able Road, then right or east three miles to Lone Star Road, then right or south two miles to Ware Road. Turn left or east for 1 1/2 miles to the check station. Traveling on Hwy 20, turn south about 4 miles west of Colusa or about 5 miles east of I-5 onto Lone Star Road, then 5 1/2 miles south to Ware Road. Turn left or east for 1 2 miles to the checking station. Reservations: Available during the waterfowl and pheasant season. Check Station: During waterfowl season the check station will be open at least two hours before shooting time. Reservations must be presented at the check station by one hour before waterfowl shooting time. Lottery Drawing for First-come, first-served list.

Delevan National Wildlife Refuge - Hunter capacity: 29 hunting sites (4-person), with a maximum area capacity of 112 hunters in blinds, and 60 in the non-blind area. Pheasant hunting is on the first Monday of pheasant season and on waterfowl shoot days during the pheasant season. For info call 530 934-2801. Location and Access: About 5 miles east of Maxwell. Traveling on Interstate 5, turn east at the town of Maxwell on the Maxwell-Colusa Road and proceed about 3 3/4 miles to the graveled Four Mile Road, then north (left) two miles to the check station. From Colusa, travel north on the Colusa-Princeton Road five miles, then west on the Colusa-Maxwell Road 4 miles to the graveled Four Mile Road. Proceed north (right) 2 miles to the check station. Reservations: Available during the waterfowl and pheasant seasons. Check Station: During waterfowl season the check station will be open at least two hours before shooting time. Reservations must be presented at the check station by one hour before waterfowl shooting time. Non-reserved entry permits will be issued at the check station on hunting day. Lottery Drawing for First-come, first-served list. First Monday - No reservations will be issued for the first Monday of the pheasant season when only pheasants may be hunted. Hunters may register for a drawing on Sunday between 9:00AM and 4:00 PM. A drawing will be held on Sunday at 4:00 PM to establish order of entry. Lottery procedures will be followed. NOTE: On Saturday, December 21, 2002 all blinds are reserved for junior hunters. Adult hunters may use the free-roam areas.

Sacramento National Wildlife Refuge - Hunter capacity: 46 hunting sites (4-person), with a maximum area capacity of 184 hunters in blinds, and 75 in the non-blind area. Pheasant hunting is on the first Monday of pheasant season and on waterfowl shoot days during the pheasant season. For info call 530 934-2801. Location and Access: About seven miles south of Willows. From Willows, travel south on Interstate 5 about seven miles to the junction with the Princeton offramp: turn east, proceed one mile to checking station. From Maxwell, travel north on Interstate 5 for eight miles; turn east (right) on the Princeton off ramp and proceed one mile to checking station. Caution: Chest waders are highly recommended. Reservations: Available during the waterfowl and pheasant seasons. Check Station: During waterfowl season the checking station will be open at least two hours before shooting time. Reservations must be presented at the check station by one and one-half hours before waterfowl shooting time. Non-reserved entry permits will be issued at the check station on hunting day. Lottery Drawing for First-come, first-served list. First Monday - No reservations will be issued for the first Monday of the pheasant season when only pheasants may be hunted. Hunters may register for a drawing on Sunday between 9:00AM and 4:00 PM. A drawing will be held on Sunday at 4:00 PM to establish order of entry. Lottery procedures will be followed. NOTE: On Saturday, December 14, 2002 all blinds are reserved for junior hunters. Adult hunters may use the free-roam areas.

Gray Lodge Wildlife Area - 9,167 acres - Hunter capacity is 400 - Pheasant hunting is every day during the first nine days of pheasant season. Thereafter, during the regular pheasant season, pheasant hunting will be allowed only on Saturdays, Sundays, and Wednesdays. Location and Access - From the town of Gridley (on Highway 99) proceed five miles west on the Gridley-Colusa Road, turn south (left) on Pennington Road and travel 3 miles to the checking station. From Live Oak, travel west on Pennington Road 8 1/2 miles through Pennington, then north(right) on Almond Orchard Road for 2 miles to the checking station. Reservations: Available during the waterfowl and pheasant seasons. Check Station: During waterfowl season the check station will be open at least two hours before shooting time. Reservations must be presented at the check station by one hour before waterfowl shooting time. During pheasant season reservations will be honored on waterfowl shoot days with vacancies being filled on a first-come, first-served basis. On non-waterfowl shoot days (Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri) pheasant hunt quotas shall be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Call 530 846-7500 for info.

Upper Butte Basin Wildlife Area - 9,208 acres - Hunter capacity: Llano Seco Unit is 30; Howard Slough Unit is 50; and the Little Dry Creek Unit is 80 - Pheasant hunting is every day during the first five days of pheasant season, and on waterfowl hunt days during the remainder of pheasant season. Location and Access - Llano Seco Unit - From Highway 99 north of Gridley, take Highway 162 west about 13 miles to Z Road. Go north on Z Road (it becomes 7 Mile Road in Butte County) about 6.5 miles to the check station sign on the left or west side of the road. Howard Slough Unit - Located about 11 miles west of Highway 99 on Highway 162. Checking station is on Road ZZ, one mile north of Highway 162. Little Dry Creek Unit - 11 miles west of Gridley on the Gridley-Colusa Highway. Check station on the north side of the road and east of Butte Creek. Reservations: Available during the waterfowl and pheasant season for Howard Slough and Little Dry Creek units, No reservations available for the Llano Seco Unit. Check Station: During waterfowl season the check stations will be open at least two hours before shooting time. Call 530 982-2169 for info.

Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area - 3700 acres - Hunter capacity is 50, reservations get first priority. Daily hunter quota will be filled by the following order: 1) reservations, 2) lottery numbers, 3) first-come, first-served numbers. Pheasant hunting is on waterfowl hunt days during the pheasant season. Good pheasant numbers. Location and Access: About 3 miles east of Davis (4 miles west of West Sacramento) off Interstate 80. From eastbound I-80, take East Chiles Road exit and travel east 1/4 mile to the west levee access. From westbound I-80, take Frontage Road exit immediately west of the west end of the Yolo Causeway, turn right at stop sign and head south under freeway to west levee access. Reservations: Available during the waterfowl and pheasant seasons. Check Station: During approved hunting seasons, the parking lot and check station will open two hours before shooting time. Overnight parking is not permitted. Hunters without reservations or lottery numbers will be assigned first-come, first-served numbers beginning two hours before shooting time at the hunter check station which is located within the Yolo Bypass. Call 530 757-2461 for info.

Grizzly Island Wildlife Area - Hunter capacity is 350 - Pheasant hunting is each day during the first 12 days of the general pheasant season, and only on Saturdays, Sundays, and Wednesdays during the remainder of the pheasant season. Rabbit hunting is allowed daily during most of July and on pheasant hunt days. Dove hunting is available on pheasant hunt days during the late dove season. Location and Access: Within the Suisun Marsh about 10 miles southeast of Fairfield. From the cities of Fairfield or Rio Vista on Highway 12, turn south on Grizzly Island Road one mile east of Fairfield and proceed south 10 miles to the

area headquarters. Reservations: Available for hunting waterfowl with vacancies being filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Pheasant hunters may have reservations on waterfowl shoot days with vacancies being filled on a first-come, first-served basis. On non-waterfowl shoot days quotas will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Check Station: Grizzly Island Unit check station opens at least two hours before shooting time. Reservations must be presented at the check station by one hour before shooting time. Call 707 425-3828 for info.

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Sutter Bypass Wildlife Area - Hunting every day - 4,034 acres along the levee on much of both sides of the Sutter Bypass and the Tisdale Bypass. Other game includes waterfowl, dove, quail, tree squirrels, rabbits, coyotes, crows, ground squirrels and wild turkey. The Tisdale Bypass is the main hunting area and is located about 10 miles south of the town of Sutter, where Reclamation Road crosses the Tisdale Weir. Waterfowl, rabbit, pheasant, quail, dove, tree squirrel, wild turkey, coyote, and deer hunting are available. Shotguns and archery equipment only. For a map call (916) 358-2900.

Nelson Slough Wildlife Area - Hunting every day from July 1 through January 31 and during spring turkey season - 800 acres under the Highway 99-Feather River Bridge 23 miles north of Sacramento and 17 miles south of Yuba City. A Sutter-Yuba Junior Pheasant Hunt usually takes place here on the weekend before pheasant season. (See information on Jr. Pheasant hunts) Access is either east or west of Highway 99 on Sacramento Avenue. Sacramento Avenue is one mile north of the Feather River Bridge near Nicolaus. Waterfowl, rabbit, quail, dove, tree squirrel, dove, wild turkey, coyote, and deer hunting also available. Shotguns and archery equipment only. For a map call (916) 358-2900.

Oroville Wildlife Area - 11,371 acres - Hunting every day from September 1 - January 31 and spring turkey season. Spring turkey hunting is by drawing only. Best pheasant hunting is around the Thermalito Afterbay. The Oroville Junior Pheasant Hunt usually takes place on the 2nd Saturday of pheasant season near the Thermalito Afterbay. The Afterbay is located between Highway's 99 and 70 about 4.5 miles west of Oroville on Highway 162. Waterfowl, rabbit, quail, dove, tree squirrel, dove, chukar, bobwhite, coyote, and deer hunting also available. Spring wild turkey hunting by drawing only. No fall turkey hunting. Shotguns and archery equipment only. Call 530 538-2236 for info.

O'Connor Lakes/Abbott Lake Wildlife Areas- Hunting July 1 to January 31 and spring turkey season - 910 acres. Located about 10 miles south of Yuba City and 25 miles north of Sacramento. Walk in access at the end of Star Bend Road off Garden Highway in Sutter County. Star Bend Road is located 2 mile north of the intersection of Highway 99 and Garden Highway near the Tudor area. Waterfowl, rabbit, quail, dove, tree squirrel, dove, wild turkey, coyote, and deer hunting also available. Shotguns and archery equipment only. For a map call (916) 358-2900.

Lake of the Woods and Star Bend Wildlife Areas - Hunting July 1 to January 31 and spring turkey season - 750 acres. Located about 10 miles south of Marysville and 25 miles north of Sacramento on Feather River Boulevard. Walk in access from the Star Bend Boat Ramp parking lot. The 700 acre Lake of the Woods WA begins 3/10 of a mile south of the Star Bend Boat Ramp and extends 5 miles south to the Bear River. The 50 acre Star Bend WA begins 4/10 of a mile upstream of the Star Bend Boat Ramp. Waterfowl, rabbit, quail, dove, tree squirrel, dove, wild turkey, coyote, and deer hunting also available. Shotguns and archery equipment only. For a map call (916) 358-2900.

Fremont Weir Wildlife Area - 212 acres - Hunting everyday from September 1 through January 31 - 212 acres. Travel north on Road 102 from Interstate 5 near Woodland for 5 miles and turn right on Road 16 for 2.5 miles. Then turn left on Road 116 for 2 mile to Road 116A and the wildlife area. Waterfowl, rabbit, dove, and crow hunting are also available. Shotguns and archery equipment only. For a map call 916 358-2900.

White Slough Wildlife Area - Hunting everyday from September 1 through January 31- 880 acres. Four separate parcels about 8 miles west of Lodi. Pond 5 Area is north of Woodbridge Road; Pond 6 Area is north of Woodbridge road is closed to hunting; Ponds 7 and 8 are east of Guard Road; and Ponds 9 through 13 are along the frontage road on the west side of Highway 5. Waterfowl, quail, dove, and dove hunting are also available. Shotguns and archery equipment only. For a map call (916) 358-2900.

Napa-Sonoma Marshes State Wildlife Area - Located west and north of State 37 near the City of Vallejo, east and south of Highway 121 near the cities of Sonoma and Napa. The majority of the area is accessed by boat via the Napa River, Sonoma Creek, Napa Slough, Hudeman Slough and other tributary sloughs. Hunt Days: Saturdays, Sundays, and Wednesdays during open seasons for waterfowl, coots, moorhens, snipe, rabbits, pheasants, and doves. Doves and rabbits may also be hunted everyday during the September dove season. Shotguns and archery equipment only. For a map call (916) 358-2900.

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Special Hunting Opportunities - Big Chico Creek -

A cooperative agreement between the CSU, Chico Research Foundation and the Department of Fish & Game (DFG) provides for limited public hunting opportunities. The 2,700 acre property known as the Big Chico Creek Ecological Reserve is located just ten miles east of Chico in Butte County. Deer, turkey, and quail hunting permits will be available to the general public through a lottery process. Please note. Only one drawing will be held for all available hunting days for each permitted species. When you apply, be prepared to sit down with your calendar and carefully plan your hunts. You will need to apply for an entire season's worth of hunting at one time.

General information and application packages for the hunt program can be obtained by mailing a U.S. Standard Postcard or letter to: BCCER Hunt Program - P.O. Box 705 - Durham, CA 95938 - When writing, include: name, return address, day & evening phone.

2002 Gamebird Heritage Junior Pheasant Hunts Sacramento Valley, Central Sierra Region

We appreciate your interest in the Junior Pheasant Hunts. Below is some information on the hunts and how the application process works.

Junior pheasant hunts are sponsored by the Department of Fish and Game with assistance from local community groups and sportsmen organizations. There is no fee for applying or participating.

Hunts are open to anyone holding a current California Junior Hunting License.

Hunters are selected by random computer drawing. All postcard entries for a junior pheasant hunt must be received by the posted deadline date. All applications received by the deadline have an equal chance of being selected.

Late applications will be considered on a first come-first served basis, only if there are still spaces available.

Only permit holders will be allowed to hunt. No junior hunters will be taken on a first come-first served basis on the day of the hunt.

Each hunt area is drawn separately. Only one postcard per hunt area may be submitted. Submitting more than one application for a hunt will result in a disqualification of the applicant.

For most hunts, up to 4 junior hunters may apply as a party. Applicants hunting together should apply on one postcard. All applicants place: names, address, phone #, desired hunt date and time, and license #'s on a 4x6 postcard. Applicants will only be considered for hunt dates/times they select. If no 2nd, 3rd or 4th choices are made, the applicant will only be considered for one hunt. Successful applicants will be mailed a permit, map and specific information about the hunt 10-14 days prior to the hunt.

Sierra Valley – (held at Headwaters Preserve, Plumas County)
When: Sat., Oct. 26 am/pm and Sun. Oct. 27 am.

Deadline: Wed. Oct. 9

How to Apply: Send 4x6 postcard to: 1701 Nimbus Road, Suite A, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

Include: names/address/phone/license #'s/up to 4 hunters on one postcard/list hunt place, dates and times in order of preference

Quota: 20 each hunt period – 60 total

Contact: (916) 358-2877

Little Dry Creek (held at Upper Butte Basin WA, Butte Co.)

When: Sat. Nov. 16 am and Sun. Nov. 17 am

Deadline: Wed. Oct. 30

How to Apply: Send 4x6 postcard to: Upper Butte Basin WA, PO Box 190, Butte City, CA 95920 Include: names/address/phone/

license #'s/up to 4 hunters on one postcard/list hunt place, dates and times in order of preference

Quota: 50 each hunt period – 100 total Contact: (530) 982-2169

Oroville-held at Thermalito Afterbay, Oroville WA, Butte Co)

When: Sat. Nov. 23 am and pm

Deadline: Wed. Oct. 30

How to Apply: Send 4x6 postcard to: Oroville WA, 945 Oro Dam Blvd West, Oroville CA 95965 Include: names/address/phone/

license #'s/up to 4 hunters on one postcard/list hunt place, dates and times in order of preference

Quota: 50 each hunt period – 100 total Contact: (530) 538-2236

Llano Seco Ranch (held on Llano Seco Ranch, Sacramento NWR, Butte Co) When: Sun, Dec 15, am Deadline: apply Nov 1-30

How to Apply: Send 4x6" US postcard to: Sacramento National Wildlife Refuge, 752 Co. Rd. 99W, Willows, Ca 95988 must include: names/address /phone/license #'s/up to 2 hunters on one postcard /list hunt place

Quota: 25 total Contact: (530)934-2801

Where: Gray Lodge (held in the closed zone of Gray Lodge Wa, Butte Co)

When: Sat, Nov 16, am Deadline: Wed. Oct. 30

How to Apply: 1701 Nimbus Road, Suite A, Rancho Cordova, CA. 95670 include: names/address /phone/license #'s/up to 4

hunters on one postcard /list hunt place and a contact address and phone #.

Quota: 25 total Contact: (530) 846-7500

Sutter-Yuba Junior/Disabled Junior Pheasant Hunts and Sutter-Yuba Women's Pheasant Hunts.

Sat. Oct. 19 am, and Sun. Oct. 20 am, (Juniors and Women);

Sat. Oct. 26 am/pm, and Sun. Oct. 27, am/pm (Juniors)

Sun. Oct. 27 pm (Junior Disabled)

Sat. Nov 2 am/pm, and Sun. Nov. 3 am/pm (Jrs and Women)

How to Apply: Send one general application (available at Yuba and Sutter County sporting goods stores, in Wing Beat News, and at the DFG Region 2 office) or a 4x6 postcard to: 1701

Nimbus Road, Suite A, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. Postcard application must include: Names, license# on 1 postcard with

contact address and phone #, hunt date and time in order of

preference. General application can be stapled together and

submitted in one envelope to apply as a party. Late applications accepted if hunts are not full. Deadline: 18 days before each

hunt weekend. Quota: 65 each hunt, 650 total.

Contact:(916)358-2877 or (530) 743-5068

Stockton Sportsmen's Club (held in Manteca, San Joaquin Co)

When: All of pheasant season except for closing weekend

How to Apply- Juniors hunt free, no application necessary, Call (209) 957-9717 with questions.

Delta Islands (held in the Sacramento - San Joaquin Delta)

When: Sat, Nov 16 & Sun, Nov 17 Deadline: Wed., Oct. 30

How to Apply: Send 4x6" US postcard to: Bay-Delta Division CDFG, 4001 No. Wilson, Stockton, CA 94205 or apply on line at

www.delta.dfg.ca.gov. Must include: names/address /phone/ license #'s/up to 4 hunters on one postcard /one hunt date per

card/list hunt place Quota: 50 each hunt period, 100 total

Contact: (209) 948-7800

Yolo Bypass WA (held on Yolo Basin WA, Yolo Co.)
 When: Sat, Nov 16 am Deadline: Wed., Oct. 30
 How to Apply: Send 4x6" US postcard to: Yolo Bypass WA, 45221
 County Rd 32B, Davis, CA 95616
 Must include: names/address /phone/license #'s/up to 4 hunters
 on one postcard /list hunt place
 Quota: 25 total Contact: (530) 757-2461

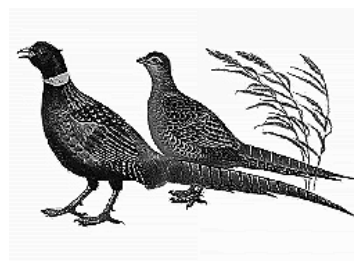
Where: Grizzly Island (Grizzly Island WA near Fairfield)
 When: Sat, Nov 16am & pm; Sun, Nov 17, am & pm
 How to Apply: Permits will be issued to junior hunters on a first-
 come, first served basis beginning October 1st, 2001.
 Must include: Junior hunter name(s), Name of Chaperone(s)/
 Address/phone/License #/ 1st and 2nd Choice Hunt Number./4
 junior per one card. Submit written applications to: Grizzly
 Island Junior Pheasant Hunt, Dept. of Fish and Game, 2548
 Grizzly Island Road, Suisun, CA 94585-9539, or FAX (707) 425-
 1403.
 Quota: Applications will be accepted until the hunt periods have
 been filled Contact: (707) 425-3828.

Where: Napa-Sonoma Marshes WA
 When: Sat, Nov 16 am & pm Deadline: Nov, 2001
 How to Apply: 4x6" US postcard to: Napa-Sonoma Marshes WA
 Jr. Pheasant Hunt, DFG, PO Box 47, Yountville, CA 94599
 Must include: names/address/phone/license #'s/name of adult
 chaperone, desired hunt w/second choice/ 2 hunters per
 postcard
 Quota: 10 per period, 20 total Note: an experienced chaperone
 can be provided upon request. Lunch provided from 12:00 to
 1:00 for youths and chaperones.
 Contact: (707) 944-5542

Where: Laytonville Junior Pheasant Hunt (Bernie Geiger
 Memorial)
 When: Nov 16, 2002 Deadline: Nov 8, 2002
 How to Apply: 4x6" postcard to: Laytonville Junior Pheasant Hunt,
 PO Box 839, Laytonville, CA 95454
 Must include: names/address/phone/license #'s/name of adult
 chaperone w/license #,
 Quota: 20. Note: an experienced chaperone can be provided
 upon request.
 Contact: (707) 984-8992 or (707) 944-5500

Where: Highland Springs Junior Pheasant Hunt
 When: Nov 16, 2002 am & pm Deadline: OCT 31, 2002
 How to Apply: 4x6" postcard to: Highland Springs Junior
 Pheasant Hunt, PO Box 47, Yountville, CA 94599.
 Must include: names/address/phone/license #'s/name of adult
 chaperone.
 Quota: 40.
 Contact: (707) 944-5537 or (707) 944-5500

Where: Ray Azbill Junior Pheasant Hunt at San Miguel,
 Monterey County.
 When: Feb 1 and 2, 2003
 Applications available from Nov 1 – Dec 31, 2002, Call (805)
 238-4236, Quota: 50, total 100. Unique hunt with more hunter
 education.



American River Salmon Festival Oct. 12-13th, 2002

Nimbus Hatchery & Lake Natoma -
 American River Parkway-Rancho Cordova

Salmon BBQ	Meet Seemore Salmon
Wildlife Demos	Storytelling, Puppetry, Skits
Naturalist-led River Walks	Pond Quest
Live Music	Fine Arts and Crafts
American Indian Demos	Exhibits and Speakers
Fishing Clinics & Trout Plant	Sunday 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Culinary Demos with Tastings	Salmon Run/Walk (fee)
Living History	Free Admission (\$5.00 parking)
Awesome Aquarium	916-361-8700 or
Children's Art, Game, Maze	www.SalmonFestival.net
Guided Rafting (fee)	

Sandhill Crane Festival

November 8-11, 2002

Hutchins Street Square Lodi, California

The cranes are coming! View the state's largest
 concentration of greater sandhill cranes and more than
 100 bird species. Tours, workshops, art show,
 performances, exhibits, children's activities.
 For more information or a registration form
 (209) 367-7840 or visit www.lodichamber.com

DFG Booth at Sport Shows

Come see our booth at the following sport shows this winter. Many sporting activities, hunting apparel, hunt clubs, guides and outfitters, youth activities, national and local conservation organizations, seminars and much more will be featured at these shows.

1. San Francisco - Sports and Boat Show at the Cow Palace on January 17-26, 2003. Call 415-931-2500 for info.
2. Sacramento - International Sportsmen's Exposition Youth Fair at Cal Expo/California State Fairgrounds on January 15-19, 2003. Call 360-693-3700 or 800-545-6100 for info.
3. San Mateo - International Sportsmen's Exposition Youth Fair at the San Mateo County Expo Center on January 29 – February 2, 2003. Call 360-693-3700 or 800-545-6100 for info.
4. Pleasanton - International Sportsmen's Exposition Youth Fair, Alameda County on February 13-16, 2003. Call 360-693-3700 or 800-545-6100 for info.

2002 Gamebird Heritage Wild Bird, Women's and Family Pheasant Hunts - Northern California

We appreciate your interest in the Wild Bird, Women's and Family Pheasant Hunts. Below is some information on the hunts and how the application process works.

These special hunts are sponsored by the Department of Fish and Game with assistance from local community groups and sportsmen organizations. There is no fee for applying or participating. Hunts are open to anyone holding a current California Hunting License.

Hunters are selected by random computer drawing. All postcard entries for a special pheasant hunt must be received by the posted deadline date. All applications received by the deadline have an equal chance of being selected. Late applications will be considered on a first come-first served basis, only if there are still spaces available. Only permit holders will be allowed to hunt. No hunters will be taken on a first come-first served basis on the day of the hunt.

Applicants for these hunts may submit one postcard for each hunt area. List the date and times you wish to hunt by preference. Submitting more than one application for a hunt will result in a disqualification of the applicant.

Up to 4 hunters may apply as a party. Applicants who wish to hunt together should apply on one postcard. All applicants place: names, address, phone #, desired hunt date and time, and license #'s on a 4x6 postcard. Applicants will only be considered for hunt dates/times they select. If no 2nd, 3rd or 4th choices are made, the applicant will only be considered for one hunt. Successful applicants will be mailed a permit, map and specific information about the hunt 10-14 days prior to the hunt.

Little Dry Creek Family Pheasant Hunt

(Upper Butte Basin WA, Little Dry Creek Unit, Butte Co.)

When: Sun, Nov 10; Deadline: Wed, Oct 23

How to Apply: Send 4x6 postcard to Upper Butte Basin WA, PO Box 190, Butte City, CA 95920 Must include: names/address/phone license #'s/up to 4 hunters on one Postcard with hunt name and a contact address and phone # Quota: 50 total Contact: (530) 982-2169

Sierra Valley Women's Pheasant Hunt

When: Sat Oct 26, am, pm Deadline: Wed, Oct 9

How to Apply: Send 4x6 postcard to: DFG, 1701 Nimbus Road, Suite A, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670 Must include: names/address/phone/license #'s/up to 4 hunters per card/list order of preference for hunt times/hunt place Quota: 15 per hunt /30 total Contact: (530) 288-3634 or (916) 358-2877

Delta Islands Women's Pheasant Hunt

When: Sun, Nov 10 Deadline: Wed, Oct 23

How to Apply: Send 4x6 US postcard to Bay-Delta Division, 4001 North Wilson Way, Stockton, CA 94205 or internet - <http://www/delta.dfg.ca.gov>. Must include: names/address/phone/license #'s/up to 4 hunters per card. Quota: 50 total Contact: (209) 948-7800

Delta Islands Wild Bird Public Pheasant Hunts

When: Nov 13, 16, 20, 23, 27, 30, Dec 4, 7 Deadline: Application must be received two weeks before the hunt date. How to Apply: Send 4x6 postcard to Bay-Delta Division, 4001 North Wilson Way, Stockton, CA 94205 or internet - <http://www/delta.dfg.ca.gov>. Must include: names/address/phone/license #'s/up to 4 hunters per card/ list desired hunt dates. Quota: 50 permits per hunt, 400 total Contact: (209) 948-7800

SE Fremont Weir Wild Bird Public Pheasant Hunt, Yolo Co

When: Nov 9, 13, 16, 20, 23, 27, 30, Dec. 4, 7

Deadlines: Nov 9 (Oct 23), Nov 13/16 (Oct 30), Nov 20/23 (Nov 6), Nov 27/30 (Nov 13) and Dec 4/7 (Nov 20).

How to Apply: Send 4x6 US postcard to: DFG, 1701 Nimbus Road, Suite A, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670 Must include: names/address/phone/license #'s/up to 4 hunters on one card/desired hunt dates (one date per card)/ hunt place Quota: 40 permits per hunt, 360 total Contact: (916) 358-2877

Sutter-Yuba Women's Pheasant Hunt

When: Oct. 19, 20 am and Nov. 2, 3 am/pm How to Apply: See Sutter-Yuba Junior/Women's Hunt on Page 11, Apply on general application or by postcard. Call (916) 358-2877 for info.

MOBILITY IMPAIRED AND JUNIOR PHEASANT HUNTS

Birds Limited Licensed Game Bird Club near Pleasant Grove (20 miles north of Sacramento). By appointment from Nov. 9, 2002 – Jan 26, 2003. No charge for mobility impaired, reduced rate of \$15.00/pheasant for juniors. Call (530) 823-9310.

Sutter-Yuba Junior Disabled Pheasant Hunt located at the Nelson Slough Wildlife Area 23 miles north of Sacramento.

When: Sunday, Oct. 27, pm.

How to Apply: See Sutter-Yuba Junior/Women's Hunt above, Apply on general application or by postcard. Call (530) 743-5068 or (916) 358-2877 for info.

Region 1, Northern California, North Coast Junior/Women's Pheasant Hunts

Junior Pheasant Hunt at Honey Lake Wildlife Area, Lassen County When: Oct 26 and 27, 2002; Quota – 100 How to Apply: Send the following info to: Lassen Co. Jr. Pheasant Hunt, c/o Pheasants Forever, P.O. Box 358, Susanville, CA 96130. Include: names/address/phone/license #'s of Jr. hunters/list hunt place, dates and times in order of preference. Deadline: Oct 12, 2002. Info: Call (530) 254-6644

Women's Pheasant Hunt at Honey Lake Wildlife Area, Lassen County When: Nov 2, 2002; Quota – 30 Info: Call (530) 254-6644

Junior Pheasant Hunt at Shasta Valley Wildlife Area, Siskiyou County When: Nov 16, 2002; Quota – 50 Info: (530) 459-3926

Junior Pheasant Hunt at Lake Earl Wildlife Area, Del Norte County When: Nov 16 and 17, 2002; Quota – 65 Info: (707) 464-2523

Junior Pheasant Hunt at Eel River Wildlife Area, Humboldt County When: November 16 and 17, 2002; Quota – 150 Info: (707) 441-5789

Junior Pheasant Hunt at Paynes Creek Recreation Area, Tehama County When: Nov 16 and 17, 2002; Quota 100 Info: (530) 225-2867/(530) 597-2201

Women's Pheasant Hunt at Paynes Creek Recreation Area, Tehama County When: Nov 30, 2002; Quota 50 Info: (530) 225-2867/(530) 597-2201

SPECIAL 2002-2003 WILD PIG & TURKEY HUNTS

SCHEDULED AT LAKE SONOMA

Wild pig and turkey hunts will be offered at Lake Sonoma during the 2002-2003 hunting season. The 26 wild pig hunts will be held on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from November 5, 2002 through March 25, 2003. In addition, four two-day wild turkey hunts will be offered; one junior and one adult hunt this fall, and one junior and one adult hunt this coming spring. The U. S. Army Corps of Engineers is providing these hunting opportunities in cooperation with the Department of Fish and Game.

Wild Pig Hunt Success: 2001-2002 pig hunter success increased significantly over previous years. Overall, some 527 (458) (last year) hunters took 80 (23) pigs for an overall success rate of 15% (5%) . Archery: 185 (159) archers took 11 (3) wild pigs for a success rate of 6% (1.9%); Shotgun-slug: 247 (208) shotgun-slug hunters took 30 (8) wild pigs for a success rate of 12% (3.8%). Rifle: 84 (91) rifle hunters took 22 (12) wild pigs for a success rate of 16% (13.2%). The 2002-2003 season success rate may be as high or higher if pig recruitment continues to increase at the present rate.

Hunt Periods: The 26 wild pig hunts are divided into two hunt periods. The first period contains 8 archery hunts (Area 1, Tuesdays) and 3 rifle hunts (Area 2, Wednesdays) and runs from November 5, 2002 to January 8, 2003. The second period has 11 shotgun-slug hunts (Area 1, Tuesdays) and 4 rifle hunts (Area 2, Wednesdays) and runs from January 14, 2003 to March 25, 2003.

Permits: Hunting permits are required. Fifteen permits will be drawn for each hunt date. Each permit is good for two (2) hunters.

Applications: Applicants may apply for only one hunt in each hunt period. Submit a standard Postal Service post card (one name per card) with: Name, Address, Telephone #, Hunting license #, and Hunt date requested. Send applications to:

Lake Sonoma Pig Hunt - P.O. Box 47, Yountville, CA 94599

Drawings: Only two drawings will be held, one for each hunt period. The first period drawing will be held October 4, 2002.

Applications must be received in the Yountville Regional Office by 5:00 p.m. October 3, 2002. The second period drawing will be held on December 13, 2002. Applications must be received in the Yountville Regional Office by 5:00 p.m. December 12, 2002. Only successful applicants will be notified.

PIG HUNTS

Pig Hunt Date: Period 1: Nov. 5, 2002 to Jan. 8, 2003
Area 1 : South: Rockpile Rd & Stewarts Point Rd, (Liberty Glen)
Hunt : Archery (8 Tuesdays)
Dates : Nov. 5, 12, 19, 26; Dec. 3, 10, 17; Jan. 7
#Permits: 15 per hunt day

Area 2 : North: Yorty Creek, Hot Springs Road
Hunt : Rifle—any legal firearm. No archery. (3 Wednesdays)
Dates : Nov. 13; Dec. 11; Jan. 8.
#Permits: 15 per hunt day

Pig Hunt Dates: Period 2: Jan. 14, 2003 to March 25, 2003
Area 1 : South: Rockpile Rd, Stewarts Point Rd (Liberty Glen)
Hunt : Shotgun-slug (11 Tuesdays)
Dates : Jan. 14, 21, 28; Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25; Mar. 4, 11, 18, 25.
#Permits: 15 per hunt day

Area 2 : North: Yorty Creek, Hot Springs Road
Hunt : Rifle—any legal firearm. No archery. (4 Wednesdays)
Dates : Jan. 22; Feb. 12, 26; Mar. 19,
#Permits: 15 per hunt day

TURKEY HUNTS

Turkey Hunt Success: The two-day turkey hunts for 2000-2001 resulted in the take of 11(8) turkeys, and was very popular. Hunter success was 22.4% (17.2%), with 21 Junior hunters taking 5 for 24% (22.7%) success, and 28 adult hunters taking 6 (3) for 21% (12%) success.

2002-2003: There are four, 2-day turkey hunts scheduled for the 2002-2003 season. Two hunts are scheduled for the fall of 2002, and two hunts for the spring of 2003.

Ten hunters will be drawn for each hunt, and each hunter can take one (1) hunting guest. Junior hunters must possess a Junior hunting license, and can take either another licensed junior hunter or a licensed adult hunter. Two Junior hunters must be accompanied by a non-hunting adult.

FALL 2002 TURKEY HUNTS:
Area 1: Adult Hunt: Sat/Sun, November 16 and 17, 2002

Area 2: JR Hunt: Sat/Sun, November 9 and 10, 2002

Drawing: All applications must be received in the Yountville Regional Office by 5:00 p.m. Thursday, October 10, 2002. The drawing will be held on Friday, October 11, 2002.

SPRING 2002 TURKEY HUNTS:
Area 1: JR Hunt: Saturday/Sunday, April 5 and 6, 2003

Area 2: Adult Hunt: Saturday/Sunday, March 29 and 30, 2003

Drawing: All applications must be received in the Yountville Regional Office by 5:00 p.m. Thursday, February 27, 2003. The drawing to be held on Friday, February 28, 2003.

Applications: Applicants may apply for only one hunt day in each season. Submit a standard Postal Service size post card (one name per card) with: Name, Address, Telephone #, Hunting license #, and Hunt day requested. Send applications to:

Lake Sonoma Turkey Hunt - P.O. Box 47, Yountville, CA 94599

Successful applicants will be notified by mail.

Grizzly Island Wildlife Area Junior Waterfowl Hunts

Junior Waterfowl Hunts are planned for Saturday, December 14 and Wednesday, December 18, 2002. Spaced blinds on Pond 11 and Crescent Unit of the Grizzly Island WA will be available only for junior hunt participants and will be closed to the general public. Junior hunters (hunters possessing a junior hunting license) will be selected by a reservation process and first-come, first-serve juniors will also be accepted on the day of each hunt to use the free roam areas and to fill any no-shows from the reservations. The rest of the Grizzly Island WA is open to the general hunting public on these days and seldom fills to capacity. Reservation applications will be accepted by mail. The procedure for submitting an application for a reservation is as follows:

1. Use only a standard U.S. Postal Service postcard (3 1/2" by 5").
2. Type or print clearly.
3. Give full name, address, and telephone number, date of birth, Jr. hunting license # and name of chaperone for each junior hunter applying.
4. Specify only one hunt date.
5. One adult (18 years of age or older) is required to accompany and supervise each junior hunter. The adult may hunt with the junior hunter provided they possess the required 2002-03 hunting license and State and Federal waterfowl stamps. Sixteen-year-old junior license holders must have a Federal Waterfowl Stamp to hunt waterfowl. All available blinds can accommodate two persons, the junior hunter and his or her adult chaperone. Steel shot and a minimum of one dozen duck decoys are required at all blind sites, and hip boots or chest waders are recommended.
5. Mail postcards to: Grizzly Island Jr. Duck Hunt, 2548 Grizzly Island Road, Suisun, CA 94585 by November 22, 2002. Sixteen reservations will be issued for each date.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Sacramento NWR and Delevan NWR Junior Waterfowl Hunts

Junior Waterfowl Hunts are planned for Saturday, December 14, 2002 at Sacramento NWR and Saturday, December 21, 2002 at Delevan NWR. Junior hunters will be selected from reservation applications postmarked between November 1-30, 2002.

For the application process, use only a standard U.S. Postal Service card. Give full name, address, telephone number, and hunting license number for each junior hunter applying. Up to two junior hunters may apply per card. One adult (18 years of age or older) may accompany up to two juniors but no more than

four people can occupy one blind. Only one application for each hunt may be submitted. Use a separate postcard for each refuge and specify either

Sacramento NWR or Delevan NWR. Mail postcards to: Refuge Manager, Sacramento National Wildlife Refuge, 752 County Road 99 W, Willows, CA 95988.

A letter of confirmation and a numbered Junior Hunting Permit will be returned at least 7 days prior to the hunt day. The number on the permit will determine the hunting party's sequence of entry. Adults cannot hunt. Retrieving dogs, decoys, and chest waders are recommended. There is no entry fee for this hunt.

Lottery Draw. Those not receiving a numbered reservation for the junior duck hunt will be able to enter a lottery draw held at 5:30 a.m. on the morning of the hunt. This draw will be used to fill reservation no-shows and refill the blinds. The procedure for entering the lottery draw is as follows: 1) Hunters must fill out only one lottery card per hunting party, 2) Hunters may enter the lottery at the check station beginning at 6:00 p.m. the day before the hunt until 5:30 a.m. the morning of the hunt, 3) After filling out a lottery card, hunters may leave the parking area but must be present for the lottery draw, 4) Hunters arriving after the lottery draw will be added to first-come, first-served list. Displays and activities pertaining to waterfowl management, hunting ethics, and hunting techniques will be available. For further info call Sacramento NWR at (530) 934-2801.

WHY A TWO WEEK LONGER PHEASANT SEASON? By Tom Blankinship

The 2002 pheasant season is two weeks longer than it was in 2001. Some hunters feel that the pheasant population is lower than it was decades ago so why increase the season length? Here are the Fish and Game Commissions reasons for increasing the season length.

1. Virtually all states with wild pheasant populations allow substantially longer pheasant seasons than California. In fact, even with an extension to six weeks, California's season will still be one of the shortest.
2. Since only roosters may be taken, pheasants can withstand heavy hunting pressure. It is generally accepted that spring rooster to hen ratios of 10 per 100 are adequate to fertilize all hens, since male pheasants form harems, and not pairs as many other bird species. We have found that, even on our very heavily-hunted state wildlife areas, post-season rooster to hen ratios were seldom below 20 per 100, following a one-month hunting season. We don't expect the slight amount of additional pressure resulting from an additional two weeks of hunting to affect this significantly, since most of the hunting occurs in the early part of the season.
3. Pheasants in California are largely dependent on management of private lands. "Cleaner" farming has reduced their populations during the past several decades. The Department has been conducting research on both state wildlife areas and private lands to determine the most effective and least expensive ways to increase pheasant populations. A number of landowners have contacted us seeking this information, and are interested in managing for pheasants. A longer season may encourage management for pheasants, which will be of benefit to other wildlife species as well. Good habitat is what pheasants need; not more restrictive hunting seasons.

San Joaquin Valley - Junior & Family Pheasant Hunts

Junior Pheasant Hunts: Thirty special junior pheasant hunts are being offered to young hunters by the Department of Fish and Game, Region 4, and sportsmen's organizations. All of the hunts are free.

Junior hunters (Junior license holders) must be accompanied by an adult (18 years of age or older). The adult accompanying the junior hunter cannot hunt or carry a shotgun. An Upland Game Bird Stamp is not required of junior license holders. Male ring-necked pheasants will be released prior to each hunt period.

How To Apply - Up to four junior hunters can apply as a party. When applying for the hunts, provide the following information for yourself and any other junior hunter(s) in your party: name, address, daytime and evening telephone numbers, 2002-2003 hunting license number, and location (i.e., Modesto), date and hunt period in order of preference. Hunters may apply only once for each hunt. Applying for the same hunt more than once will disqualify you from the drawing. For all hunts, simply provide the information requested above and mail it to the name and address of the hunt. Schedule is as follows: Please note that your applications must be mailed to the proper address.

Modesto - Quota 25 - Nov 9 am or pm, Nov 10 am or pm. Mail to: Game Bird Heritage Junior Pheasant Hunts, 1234 E. Shaw Ave., Fresno, Ca 93710, (559) 243-4005 ext 132 or 133. Deadline: Oct 18, 5:00 pm.

Taft - Quota 40 - Nov 9 am or pm, Nov 10 am or pm. Mail to: Taft Sportsmen's Club, 901 Bell Ave., Taft, CA 93268, (661) 765-5584. Deadline Oct 18, 5 pm.

Lake Isabella - Quota 30 - Nov 16 am or pm, Nov 17 am or pm. Mail to: Lake Isabella Jr. Pheasant Hunt, P.O. Box 127, Lake Isabella, CA 93240, (760) 379-3482 or (760) 379-8251. Deadline Oct 25, by 5:00 pm.

Mendota - Quota 25 - Nov 16 am or pm, Nov 23 am or pm, Nov. 30 am or pm. Mail to: Game Bird Heritage Junior Pheasant Hunts, 1234 E. Shaw Ave., Fresno, Ca 93710, (559) 243-4005 ext 132 or 133. Deadline: Oct 18, 5:00 pm.

Success Lake - Quota 45 - Nov 16 am or pm, Nov 17 am or pm. Mail to: Success Lake Junior Pheasant Hunt, P.O. Box 89, Porterville, Ca 93257. (559) 562-0982 Deadline Oct 25, 5:00 pm.

O'Neill Forebay - Quota 35 - Nov 16 am or pm, Nov 17 am or pm, Nov 23 am or pm, Nov 24 am or pm. Mail to: Game Bird Heritage Junior Pheasant Hunts, 1234 E. Shaw Ave., Fresno, Ca 93710, (559) 243-4005 ext 132 or 133. Deadline: Oct 18, 5:00 pm.

Family Pheasant Hunts: Twenty San Joaquin Valley family pheasant hunting opportunities are being offered by the Dept. of Fish and Game, Region 4. When applying for the hunts, you must indicate the family members(s) in your party. Male ring-necked pheasants will be released prior to each hunt. Successful applicants and their guest(s) (except junior license holders) must pay a \$13.00 entry (waived at the Gustine hunt in lieu of a two-day or annual hunting area pass). Do not send the \$13.00 fee with your application, it will be collected when you check in at the hunt. An Upland Game Stamp is required of all hunters, except junior license holders. Hunters under 18 years of age must be accompanied by an adult (18 years of age or older).

How To Apply - Hunters will be selected by a random computerized drawing. Applications may include up to four family members applying as a party, but may not include more than two adults and/or two junior hunters. When applying for the hunts, provide the following information for yourself and any other family hunter(s): name, address, daytime and evening telephone numbers, 2002-2003 hunting license number and hunt number, location (i.e., [H] Merced), date and hunt period in order of preference. Hunters may apply only once for each hunt. Applying for the same hunt more than once will disqualify you from the drawing.

Hunters will be selected for only one hunt. This is to provide more hunters with the opportunity to participate in these special hunts. Please make your selections carefully. Changes cannot be made after the drawing. Applications must be returned to:

Game Bird Heritage Family Pheasant Hunts - 1234 East Shaw Avenue, Fresno, California 93710

Applications must be received by Friday, October 25, 2002, at 5:00 p.m. to be eligible for the drawing. Only successful applicants will be notified with instructions and a map to the hunt area. It is your responsibility to notify other family member(s) of being successful in the drawing. For an application, contact the Department of Fish and Game, Game Bird Heritage Program at (559) 243-4005, extension 132 or 133. List in the order of preference on your application.

Hunt A: Modesto, Quota 50, Sat, Dec 7 am
Hunt B: Modesto, Quota 50, Sat, Dec 7 pm
Hunt C: Gustine, Quota 50, Sat, Nov 16 am
Hunt D: Gustine, Quota 50, Sat, Nov 16 pm
Hunt E: Merced, Quota 25, Sat, Nov 23 am
Hunt F: Merced, Quota 25, Sat, Nov 23 pm
Hunt G: Merced, Quota 25, Sun, Nov 24 am
Hunt H: Merced, Quota 25, Sun, Nov 24 pm
Hunt I: San Joaquin, Quota 50, Sat, Nov 16 am
Hunt J: San Joaquin, Quota 50, Sat, Nov 16 pm

Hunt K: Kettleman City, Quota 50, Sat, Nov 16 am
Hunt L: Kettleman City, Quota 50, Sat, Nov 16 pm
Hunt M: Chowchilla, Quota 50, Sat, Nov 16 am
Hunt N: Chowchilla, Quota 50, Sat, Nov 16 pm
Hunt O: Stevinson, Quota 50, Sat, Nov 23 am
Hunt P: Stevinson, Quota 50, Sat, Nov 23 pm
Hunt Q: Alpaugh, Quota 50, Sat, Nov 16 am
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Hunt S: Bakersfield, Quota 50, Sat, Nov 16 am
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QUAIL SEASON

Early Mountain Quail Season Zone A starts Saturday, September 14, 2002 and ends Friday, October 18, 2002. This early mountain quail zone includes the counties of Alpine, Butte, Del Norte, Glenn, Humboldt, Inyo, Lassen, Modoc, Mono, Plumas, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Tehama, Trinity, and those portions of Amador, Calaveras, El Dorado, Fresno, Madera, Mariposa, Nevada, Placer, Tuolumne, Tulare, and Yuba Counties lying east of the western boundary of the national forests. The General Quail Season for all quail in Zone A is open from October 19, 2002 to January 26, 2003 (same as Balance of the State Season).

The Early Coastal Season (Zone B) for all quail in the counties of Marin, Napa, Solano, Sonoma, Lake and Mendocino is from September 28, 2002 to January 26, 2003.

The 2002 season for all quail in the Balance of the State Season (Zone C) runs from October 19, 2002 to January 26, 2003. The balance of the state season (all species) hunting Zone C includes the remaining land area not included in Zone B (the counties of Marin, Napa, Solano, Sonoma, Lake and Mendocino).

Bag Limit: 10 quail in any combination of species per day. Possession Limit: double the daily bag limit. Be sure to check the California Hunting Regulations for Resident Game Birds for further information. Call the numbers listed under PLACES TO HUNT on how to acquire maps of those areas.

Shooting Hours for Upland Game Birds - The shooting hours for all upland game birds, except for pheasants and the spring wild turkey season, shall be from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset. The shooting hours for pheasants shall be from 8:00 a.m. to sunset. The shooting hours for the spring wild turkey season shall be from one-half hour before sunrise to 4:00 p.m.

Pat Lauridson, the Department of Fish and Game Wildlife Biologist responsible for quail management in California, reports "With the exception of southern California, which received far below-average amounts of rainfall, quail populations in general experienced average production and carryover. Accordingly, quail hunting prospects look favorable in the central and northern portions of the state."

HUNTING QUAIL -In northern California there are two species of quail, the California or valley quail and the mountain quail.

The California quail is a social animal and spends most of the year, including the hunting season, in large groups called coveys. These coveys are usually formed in August and September when several family groups, consisting of parents and their offspring, merge to form one large group, the covey.

California quail prefer to roost in dense evergreen shrubs or trees, usually close to water. The covey rises from its roost between first light and sunrise. In cold or foul weather they may leave the roost much later. Just before the covey leaves the roost, one of the males will usually give a few good morning "Chi-ca-go" calls. This helps any quail that may have been separated from the covey, either when they went to roost or during the night, find their way back.

California quail are hunted in chaparral, oak woodlands and stream side habitats in lower elevation foothills and the valleys. California quail are quite vocal and sometimes the covey can be located by simply listening for their "chi-ca-go" call given most frequently during periods of active feeding in early morning or late evening. However, in order to consistently locate coveys of quail a hunting dog is a must.

In contrast, mountain quail can be found on public lands in the Sierra Nevada and Coast Range forests. Hunting mountain quail in the steep brushy areas that they prefer can be a real challenge. Like the California quail, coveys of mountain quail can be located by listening for their high, clear, rather plaintive call. They will readily answer the whistle of a hunter trying to locate them.

HUNTING QUAIL WITHOUT A DOG - The first step is to locate a covey of quail, this goes for persons both with and without a dog. There are two keys to this puzzle: one is cover, the other is water. Once water has been located, search the surrounding terrain and locate some good cover, the thicker the better. If there is no good cover within 1/4 mile try another spot. Head toward the cover, keeping an eye open for quail scurrying along the ground out the "back door". Also keep an ear open for their "pit-pit" alarm call. If they spot you and they are a good distance away, you may hear their assembly call

If they are heading up a valley draw, odds are they will continue to travel along the cover in front of you. Place one person on each side of the draw and follow them. If you have a third person, put one down in the draw. This will help prevent you from moving past them. If they are heading up the side of a hill (especially a steep one) it is best to try and out maneuver them than to out climb them. In most cases they will go right over the top or hang up in some cover on the hill. Send one person around the other side while the other one stays at the bottom of the hill. At some predetermined time both of you head up the hill from opposite sides. Be prepared for some fast action at the top of the hill, but also be sure of where the other hunter is before shooting.

LOCATING DOWNED QUAIL- You are standing in the area where you know the dead quail fell, but you don't see it. Now what? Look for loose feathers on the ground. Feathers are almost always left where they hit the ground. However, there often is another group of feathers dropped by a quail when shot that can be misleading. The reason they can be misleading is that the bird often travels a considerable distance beyond where it was hit, and if there is even the slightest breeze the feathers can drift a considerable distance from where it might be. The two groups can usually be told apart by where the feathers are found and how tightly the

feathers are grouped. The feathers left on the ground where the bird lands are usually tightly bunched. Feathers from the in-air hit are usually found widely scattered and on top of shrubbery. Don't expect to find the quail sitting right there among the feathers. Most often they bounce or roll a few feet from the point of impact with the ground. When you find these feathers remember the direction it was heading when you rolled it. Search the area beyond the feathers in the same direction. If you have searched this area with no success, double the distance beyond the feathers and search again. They usually travel further than you think they did. It is not unusual to spend 30 minutes searching for a single downed quail. You owe it to that bird to keep trying.

The creation of brushpiles and sources of water are methods used to increase quail numbers on wildlife areas and near rural homes. The DFG and other conservation groups have installed hundreds of underground water tanks or guzzlers, which collect rainwater for wildlife. Homeowners can provide water by allowing a hose to drip into a half barrel or basin placed on the ground.

SAFETY WHILE QUAIL HUNTING

Always know where all members of your hunting party are. Hunting parties should be kept to two or three. Larger parties should consider spreading out and splitting into small groups. If your party has found some quail, determine in which directions it would be unsafe to shoot.

Each person should wear blaze orange and talk with your buddies so that you know where they are. Camouflage clothing is not necessary for quail hunting, the quail know where you are regardless of what you wear. If you have to chase down a crippled bird, make sure your gun is on safety. Take water for your dog and you.

PLACES TO HUNT

Jackson State Forest on Hwy 20 between Fort Bragg and Willits; 50,200 acres of mixed coniferous forest, CA and Mtn. quail, band-tailed pigeon, cottontail rabbit and blue grouse. Jackson State Forest, PO Box 1185, 802 Main Street, Fort Bragg, CA 95437. 707 964-5674.

Cache Creek Wildlife Area (3,860 acre of DFG land) and Cache Creek Management Area (85,000 acres of BLM land) in Lake, Yolo and Colusa Counties. Habitat: Oak grassland and dense chaparral. There are 3 access points. 1. North Fork Cache Creek Trailhead; from Interstate Highway 5 at Williams, go west on Highway 20 approximately 33 miles to the parking lot on the south side of the road. The entrance is immediately past where Highway 20 crosses over North Fork Cache Creek. From Highway 101 at Calpella, go east on Highway 20 about 48 miles to the parking lot. 2. Langs Peak Road Access; take Highway 16 south of Highway 20 to County Road 40. Follow the winding switchbacks for 4.5 miles to Langs Peak Road. Langs Peak road is a 4WD road. 3. Davis Street Access; take Highway 53 south off Highway 20 to 40th Avenue and turn left at the stop light. Make immediate left and follow to Davis Street. Access is to the left of the Clearlake landfill entrance. Deer, bear, wild pig, coyote, wild turkey, CA and mtn quail, mourning dove, tree squirrel, band-tailed pigeon, cottontail and jackrabbit are present. An entry permit for hunting, issued by special drawing by the DFG, is required for the first two days of the spring turkey season. The Payne Ranch (13,000 acres) was recently purchased to improved habitat for wildlife and the tule elk herd. BLM Ukiah office at 707 468-4000 or DFG at (707) 944-5500

Indian Valley Wildlife Area (1,600 acres of DFG land) and Indian Valley Management Area (50,000 acres of BLM land) in Lake and Colusa Counties -Habitat: Dense chaparral with small scattered pockets of oak grassland. Access: About 27 miles west of Williams or 14 miles east of Clearlake Oaks on Highway 20 to Walker Ridge Road. Travel north on Walker Ridge Road to Indian Valley Reservoir. Deer, bear, wild pig, coyote, wild turkey, waterfowl, CA and mtn quail, dove, tree squirrel, cottontail and jackrabbit are present. The BLM has developed two campgrounds with water and restroom facilities. A boat ramp is available at the north and south ends of the lake. Warmwater fishing in the reservoir for largemouth bass, crappie, rainbow trout, bluegill and catfish. Cache Creek below the reservoir is planted with brown trout and is open during trout season. BLM in Ukiah at 707 468-4000.

Cow Mountain Recreation Area (50,000 acres of BLM land) in Lake and Mendocino Counties. Habitat: Rugged chaparral with some oak woodland. Access from Ukiah, 5 miles via Talmage and Mill Creek roads. Access from Lakeport, 5 miles via Scott Creek Road which is a rugged unimproved dirt road, and is closed during the winter due to impassable high water. Because these roads are narrow and winding with steep slopes, large recreational vehicles and travel trailers are not recommended. The rifle range, located just north of the Willow Creek Day Use Site, has been developed specifically for target shooting. There are 5 camping areas. The 27,000 acre North Cow Mountain RA is closed to Off-Highway Vehicles. The 23,000 acre South Cow Mountain Off-Highway Vehicle RA has developed roads for OHV recreation. Open to hunting all year during legal seasons. Deer, bear, wild pig, coyote, wild turkey, CA quail, dove, tree squirrel, band-tailed pigeon, cottontail and jackrabbit are present. Bureau of Land Mgt in Ukiah (707) 468-4000.

Knoxville Recreation Area in Lake and Napa Counties; (18,000 acres of BLM land) in Lake and Napa Counties. Habitat: Chaparral and cypress. About 2/3 of the area burned in 1999. Access: From Lower Lake take Morgan Valley Road 13 miles to the north entrance. The north entrance is 1 mile past the main gate to the McLaughlin Mine. The south entrance is three miles further south at the intersection with Devilshead Road. The south entrance is 17 miles from Lake Berryessa. A target shooting area is located near the northern entrance. There are developed roads for Off-Highway Vehicles. Camping is permitted in undeveloped locations throughout the recreation area. Hunting Creek Camp is located at the intersection of Dunnigan Hill Road and Hunting Creek Road at Hunting Creek. It has 5 sites with shade structures, tables, restrooms and water. All roads and trails are open to motorized vehicles. Deer, wild pig, coyote, CA and mtn quail, dove, squirrel, and rabbit are present. Bureau of Land Mgt in Ukiah 707 468-4000.

Cedar Roughs Area (About 6,500 acres of BLM and DFG land in 2 blocks in Napa County). Habitat: Predominantly chaparral and cypress with some oak grassland. Deer, wild pig, coyote, wild turkey, valley and mtn quail, mourning dove, tree squirrel, cottontail and jackrabbit are present. Camping allowed but there are no campsites. BLM Ukiah office at 707 468-4000. Cedar Roughs main access: Located off Pope Canyon Rd. 2.2 miles west of Pope Creek Bridge, Lake Berryessa or 6.3 miles east of the Pope Valley airstrip Provides access to about 6500 acres of land. Park on south side of brown and yellow gate and follow Pope Creek upstream approx. 1/4 mile. Look for trail markers. Cross Pope Creek and climb hill a short distance to an abandoned jeep trail. Jeep trail provides access into the main block of public land. Note: The location where abandoned jeep trail crosses Pope Creek is private land. This location provides additional access to the Pope Creek Arm of Lake Berryessa, including several fishing access points. By packing a small rubber raft (and PFDs), you can cross the Pope Creek arm of the lake to the boat access trailhead to Cedar Roughs. From the brown and yellow gate, hike 0.6 miles southward to a "Y" in the trail. From here, go right 0.3 miles down the hill to the water crossing, then raft across.

Cedar Roughs Boat-In Access: Located 1.8 miles past Pope Creek Bridge on the Pope Creek Arm of Lake Berryessa. Nine boat ramps are accessible from the south and west sides of the lake. For accommodations, camping and boat launch information, call any of the Lake Berryessa resorts at: (all area codes and prefixes are: 707-966) Putah Creek Resort -2116; Ranch Monticello Resort -2188; Lake Berryessa Marina Resort -2161; Spanish Flat Resort -7700; Steele Park Resort -2123; Pleasure Cove Resort -2172; and Markley Cove Resort -2134. Capell Cove, a public boat launch is located just off Berryessa/Knoxville Road and State Route 128. From the main body of the lake, enter Pope Creek arm of Lake Berryessa by passing under the bridge. Continue westward 1.8 miles to the trailhead which will be on your port (left) side about a quarter mile past Trout Creek.

Maxwell Creek Access - Another area for hunting and wildlife viewing is located off Pope Canyon Rd. 4.2 miles west of Pope Creek Bridge, Lake Berryessa or 5.6 miles east of the Pope Valley air strip. Provides access to 335 acres of public land along or adjacent to Maxwell creek. Park at the wide spot along south side of road near mouth of Maxwell Creek and access via abandoned Dollarhide Rd. After approx. 1 mile, trail enters private lands. Note: The main block of Cedar Roughs is NOT accessible from this area.

Sheldon Creek Recreation Area (1000 acres of BLM land) in Mendocino County. Habitat: rugged chaparral. Access from Hopland, 10 miles east of Hopland via the Younce Road (Old Toll Road) (narrow, winding road). Open to hunting all year during legal seasons. Deer, bear, wild pig, coyote, CA quail, dove, tree squirrel, band-tailed pigeon, cottontail and jackrabbit are present. Campground with water. Bureau of Land Mgt in Ukiah 707 468-4000.

Boggs Mountain State Forest on Hwy 29 near Hobergs; 3,393 acres of mixed coniferous forest. Open to hunting all year during legal seasons. Deer, bear, wild pig, CA and mtn. quail, wild turkey, tree squirrel, cottontail and jackrabbit, and band-tailed pigeon are present. Access: From State Highway 29 at Middletown take Highway 175 north about 9 miles to the state forest entrance. Improved campsites with no water are available at 2 campgrounds. Boggs Mtn State Forest, PO Box 839, Cobb, CA 95426. 707 928-4378.

Mendocino NF in Glenn/Colusa/Mendocino/Lake Counties; CA and Mtn quail, band-tailed pigeon, tree squirrel cottontail rabbit and mourning dove; Mendocino NF in Stonyford - 530 963-3128.

Putah Creek Wildlife Area - Hunting daily from the opening of deer season (Zone A - archery) through January 31 - (673 acres) - About 10 miles west of winters, off Highway 128. The area is on the south side of Putah Creek about 800 feet downstream from Monticello Dam, where Cold Creek enters Putah Creek. There is some parking available on the right as one crosses the Putah Creek Bridge. Most of the area is steep. Quail and deer are available. For a map call (916) 358-2900.

Horseshoe Ranch Wildlife Area – Hunting daily during hunting seasons – Type C wildlife area – 5,017 acre of oak woodland. Location about 14 miles north of Yreka. Take the Hornbrook exit off Interstate 5 and proceed east (right) on Copco Road for about 10 miles to the confluence of Scotch and Camp Creeks; turn left into the entrance of the wildlife area. The designated entry point for public access is through the main gate located in the SE corner of Section 29, Township 48 North, Range 5 West, and is about 0.25 mile north of the junction of Horseshoe Ranch Road and Copco Road. No hunter limit except during the M-2 (Horseshoe Ranch Muzzleloading Rifle Hunt) late deer season. California and mountain quail, mourning dove, band-tailed pigeon, deer, cottontail and black-tailed jackrabbits are present. For a map call (530) 459-3926.

Bass Hill Wildlife Area – Hunting daily during hunting seasons - Type C wildlife area – 3,515 acres of sagebrush uplands. Located about 6 miles SE of Susanville (Lassen County), adjacent to Highway 395. Mourning dove, cottontail rabbit, and black-tailed jackrabbit are present. For a map call (530) 254-6808.

Doyle Wildlife Area – Hunting daily during hunting seasons – Type C wildlife area – 14,013 acres of foothill and flatlands covered with trees and brush. Hunt along Long Valley Creek. Located 5 miles NE of Doyle via Highway 395 in Lassen County. Cottontail rabbit, black-tailed jackrabbit, and chukar are present. Four-wheel drive in wet weather. For a map call (530) 254-6808.

Cinder Flats Wildlife Area – Hunting daily during hunting seasons – Type C wildlife area – 720 acres of oak/gray pine woodland. Hunt the south end of the area around the lake. Located 2 miles NE of Cassel on Cassel Road in Shasta County. Road is not passable after heavy rain. California and mtn quail, mourning dove and cottontail rabbit are present. Call (530) 224-2300 for a map.

Mouth of Cottonwood Creek Wildlife Area (571 acres of riparian habitat, mostly flat terrain) – Hunting daily during hunting seasons – Type C wildlife area - Located about ten miles east of Cottonwood, where Cottonwood Creek enters the Sacramento River. Cottontail rabbit, black-tailed jackrabbit, mourning dove, and ring-necked pheasants are present. No rifles or pistols may be used or possessed. Walk in access is adjacent to Adobe Road/Hacienda Road intersection. For a map call (530) 225-2300.

Paynes Creek Area (17,000 acres of blue oak woodland and riparian forest, many creeks) - Hunting daily during hunting seasons - Located between Cottonwood and Red Bluff in Tehama County. Dove, quail, turkeys and waterfowl are available. About five miles north of Red Bluff along I-5, take the Jelly's Ferry offramp going east. Take the Bend Ferry Road across and follow it to the Paynes Creek RA. The best hunting areas are accessible by foot only. For further info contact the BLM in Redding at (530) 224-2100.

Tehama Wildlife Area (44,601 acres) - Type C area - Open for hunting all year except for the southern portion of the wildlife area, south of Hogsback Road, which is closed to public entry from February 1 to the first Saturday in April for the purpose of not disturbing wintering deer. The wildlife area is generally open to all hunting except for the G-1 Late Season buck Hunt for Zone C-4. G-1 USE PERMITS are issued by drawing for that season which generally begins the 4th Saturday in October and extends for 9 days. No pig hunting except during April/May by USE PERMIT only. Access: Headquarters is located 23 miles east of Red Bluff via Highway 36 and south on Plum Creek Road. Hogsback Road enters the wildlife area 16 miles east of Red Bluff. Quail can be found throughout the brushy habitat. Best turkey hunting areas are Plum and Oak Creeks, and De-haven Gulch. For info and a map call (530) 597-2201.

Lassen National Forest (NF) in Plumas County; Mtn quail, blue grouse, and band-tailed pigeons; Almanor Ranger District in Chester 530 258-2141.

Plumas NF in Plumas/Butte/Sierra Counties; Mtn and CA quail, tree squirrel, band-tailed pigeon, and blue grouse; Plumas NF in Quincy 530 283-2050.

Oroville Wildlife Area - 11,371 acres - Hunting daily from September 1 - January 31 and spring turkey season. Spring turkey hunting is by drawing only. Best pheasant hunting is around the Thermolito Afterbay. The Oroville Junior Pheasant Hunt usually takes place on the 2nd Saturday of pheasant season near the Thermolito Afterbay. The Afterbay is located between Highway's 99 and 70 about 4.5 miles west of Oroville on Highway 162. Pheasant, waterfowl, rabbit, quail, dove, tree squirrel, dove, chukar, bobwhite, coyote, and deer hunting are also available. Spring wild turkey hunting by drawing only. No fall turkey hunting. Shotguns and archery equipment only. Call 530 538-2236 for info.

Lake Oroville State Recreation Area - Hunting daily from September 15 through January 31 and for wild turkeys only during the spring wild turkey season - (4,150 acres) - 7 miles east of Oroville via Hwy 162; boat access to much of the area. Shotgun and archery hunting only. The majority of the Recreation Area lands consists of a narrow strip surrounding Oroville Lake extending a minimum of 300 feet from the high water line to one-half mile or more in some areas. Some U.S. Forest Service and BLM lands adjoin the Recreation Area. CA and mtn quail, wild turkey, band-tailed pigeon, rabbits, squirrels and pheasant are also available. No waterfowl or deer hunting allowed. Hunting on or from the water surface of Lake Oroville is prohibited. For a map contact the Lake Oroville State Recreation Area, 400 Glen Drive, Oroville, CA 95966 or call (916) 538-2200 or 538-2219.

Daugherty Hill WA - Hunting daily from July 1 through January 31 and during the spring turkey season (4,200 acres) - 21 miles east of Marysville via Hwy 20, Marysville Road, and Dolan Harding Road. CA quail, tree squirrel, wild turkey, mourning dove, band-tailed pigeons, and deer are also available. For a map call (530) 743-5068.

Tahoe NF in Placer/Nevada/Sierra/Yuba Counties; CA and mtn quail, tree squirrel, band-tailed pigeons, blue grouse, and deer are also available. Access via Highway 49, Pliocene Ridge Road, Highway 20 and Interstate 80. Call Tahoe NF in Nevada City at 530 265-4531.

Spenceville Wildlife Area - Hunting daily from September 1 through January 31 and during the spring turkey season - 11,213 acres - 18 miles east of Marysville via Hammonton-Smartsville Road. Quail, tree squirrel, wild turkey, deer, band-tailed pigeons, and mourning dove hunting are also available. For a map call (530) 743-5068.

Sutter Bypass Wildlife Area - Hunting daily - 4,034 acres along the levee on much of both sides of the Sutter Bypass and the Tisdale Bypass. Other game includes waterfowl, dove, quail, tree squirrels, rabbits, coyotes, crows, ground squirrels and wild turkey. The Tisdale Bypass is about 10 miles south of the town of Sutter, where Reclamation Road crosses the Tisdale Weir. Pheasant, waterfowl, rabbit, dove, tree squirrel, wild turkey, coyote, and deer hunting also available. Shotguns and archery equipment only. For a map call (530) 743-5068.

Nelson Slough Wildlife Area - Hunting daily from July 1 through January 31 and during spring turkey season - 800 acres under the Highway 99-Feather River Bridge 23 miles north of Sacramento and 17 miles south of Yuba City. A Sutter-Yuba Junior Pheasant Hunt usually takes place here on the weekend before pheasant season. Access is either east or west of Highway 99 on Sacramento Avenue. Sacramento Avenue is one mile north of the Feather River Bridge near Nicolaus. Pheasant, waterfowl, rabbit, quail, dove, tree squirrel, dove, wild turkey, coyote, and deer hunting also available. Shotguns and archery equipment only. For a map call (530) 743-5068.

O'Connor Lakes/Abbott Lake Wildlife Areas- Hunting daily from July 1 to January 31 and spring turkey season - 910 acres. Located about 10 miles south of Yuba City and 25 miles north of Sacramento. Walk in access at the end of Star Bend Road off Garden Highway in Sutter County. Star Bend Road is located 2 miles north of the intersection of Highway 99 and Garden Highway near the Tudor area. Pheasant, waterfowl, rabbit, quail, dove, tree squirrel, dove, wild turkey, coyote, and deer hunting are also available. Shotguns and archery equipment only. For a map call (530) 743-5068.

Lake of the Woods and Star Bend Wildlife Areas - Hunting every day from July 1 to January 31 and spring turkey season - 750 acres. Located about 10 miles south of Marysville and 25 miles north of Sacramento on Feather River Boulevard. Walk in access from the Star Bend Boat Ramp parking lot. The 700 acre Lake of the Woods WA begins 3/10 of a mile south of the Star Bend Boat Ramp and extends 5 miles south to the Bear River. The 50 acre Star Bend WA begins 4/10 of a mile upstream of the Star Bend Boat Ramp. Pheasant, waterfowl, rabbit, quail, dove, tree squirrel, dove, wild turkey, coyote, and deer hunting also available. Shotguns and archery equipment only. For a map call (530) 743-5068.

Auburn State Recreation Area (42,000 acres) in Placer/EI Dorado Counties; CA quail, mourning dove, band-tailed pigeon, rabbit, tree squirrel and deer are also available. Located 1 mile south of Auburn on Hwy 49. Auburn SRA at 530 885-4527 or 988-0205.

EI Dorado NF in EI Dorado/Placer/Amador/Alpine Counties; CA and mtn quail, tree squirrel, band-tailed pigeon, wild turkey, blue grouse, and deer. The area east of Jenkinson Lake area has mtn quail. Access via Highways 50 and 88. Call EI Dorado NF in Placerville 530 622-5061.

Hope Valley Wildlife Area – Hunting open daily from the opening of archery deer season through January 31 – 2,869 acres of ponderosa pine, sagebrush and grassland. Mountain quail, blue grouse, deer, mourning dove and cottontail rabbit are present. Located about 6 miles NW of Markleeville at the junction of Highway 88 and 89. Surrounded by the EI Dorado and Toiyabe NF. For a map call (916) 358-2900.

White Slough Wildlife Area - Hunting everyday from September 1 through January 31- 880 acres. Four separate parcels about 8 miles west of Lodi. Pond 5 Area is north of Woodbridge Road; Pond 6 Area is north of Woodbridge road; Ponds 7 and 8 are east of Guard Road; and Ponds 9 through 13 are along the frontage road on the west side of Highway 5. Waterfowl, quail, and dove hunting are also available. Shotguns and archery equipment only. For a map call (530) 743-5068.

New Hogan Lake - Hunting every day - 400 acres- 30 miles east of Stockton. Quail, mourning dove, waterfowl, and rabbits are also available. Shotguns and archery equipment only. Access via Hwy 12. Corps of Engineers (209) 772-1343.

New Melones Lake (25,000 acres) 25 miles east of Oakdale; Access via Hwy 108/120 to Hwy 49; CA quail, mourning dove. Bureau of Reclamation (209) 536-9094.

Stanislaus NF in Calaveras and Alpine counties; CA and mtn quail, tree squirrel, band-tailed pigeon, wild turkey, blue grouse, and deer. Access via Hwy 4. Stanislaus NF in Sonora 209 532-3671.

In an effort to aid quail hunters the Department of Fish and Game has published a Guide to Hunting the Quail of California, which contains helpful information for hunting opportunities. Call 1-916-653-GAME for a copy. If you would like to discuss methods to increase quail numbers on either private or public lands, or if there are errors/omissions in this article, please call Wildlife Biologist Dale Whitmore at 530 743-5068.

Hunter Education Training Schedule

Persons interested in going hunting this Fall should be making plans now to take their required hunter safety course. Hunter education courses must include at least 10 hours of training in both hunter safety and wildlife conservation. Some courses also include shooting practice at a range. Volunteers teach the courses and may charge a fee of up to \$10 per person. For upcoming courses contact any of the applicable numbers below or the following numbers for your area. No. California and No. Coast Region (530) 225-2003; Sacramento Valley and Central Sierra Region (916) 351-0833; Central Coast Region (707) 944-5576; San Joaquin Valley and So. Sierra Region (209) 243-4027; or So. California Region (562) 590-5670.

Hunter safety courses are also offered through local sporting goods stores, city or county recreation departments, shooting rangers or other hunting related businesses. The following is a list of classes already scheduled for the areas shown.

Northern Calif. – North Coast Region

Arcata	707-822-3096	Bob Fallis
Crescent City	707-464-7157	Don Kelly
Eureka	707-443-6328	Monthly dates vary- Brad Smith
Red Bluff	530-528-8819	Bob Barney
Redding	530-225-1025	Marshall Jones
Redding – Home Study	530-225-2300	Monthly - pick up packet at DFG office, 601 Locust St., Redding
Susanville- Home Study	530-251-2136	Cliff Bannister for dates

Sacramento Valley - Central Sierra Region

Auburn & Lincoln	530-878-6937	Monthly
Rancho Cordova	916-351-0538	Monthly
West Sacramento	916-373-5860	Monthly
Stockton	209-937-8206	Monthly
	209-823-7919	Monthly-Manteca

Placerville	530-644-2797	Monthly
Elk Grove	916-686-1852	Monthly- Mike Green
EI Dorado County	530-622-3794	Monthly-Bill Adams or
	530-622-2480	Monthly- Jim Russell
Roseville	916-728-5500	Monthly-Brad Hunter
Vacaville	707-449-4867	Monthly-The Shooting Gallery
Chico	530-896-9935	Monthly-Butte Co. Search & Rescue Building
Cameron Park	530-677-6996	Private Classes- Vern Luce

Bowhunting Classes

Challenge	530-534-0977	Darryl McElmurry
Yuba City	530-671-9250 or	Chuck Wyllie
		& Gene Kreb
	530-751-7767	Joe Becker
Stockton	209-463-8860	John Watters
Grass Valley	530-268-3549	Dave Deacon
Esparto	530-787-3259	Marshall Myers
Roseville	916-723-6792	Robert Moore
Rocklin	916-635-6759	Jim Williams
	916-630-8700	Wilderness Archery

Grass Valley	530-273-4440	Monthly-The Range
Yolo County	530-662-3372	Monthly-Knights Landing Sportsmans Club,
	530-662-2349	Yolo Sportsmans Assoc.
	530-662-4873	Mike Russo, Instructor
	530-666-3752	George Gumpy, Instructor
Yuba City/Marysville	530 743-1518	Monthly- Marysville Parks & Rec Dept-Terry Oaks, Instructor
	530-751-7767	Monthly- Joe/Joan Becker, Instructors
	530-671-9250	Monthly-Chuck Wyllie, Instructor
Oroville	530-533-2011	Nelson Recreation Center- Jason Sehon, Instructor
Paradise	530-877-5114	Paradise Sporting Goods, Larry Mane, Instructor
Portola	530-832-5372	Sylvia Olsen
Chester	530-258-2415	Dave Gonyer or
	530-596-4115	George Orloff, Instructor
Quincy	530-283-1378	Harry Howsden, Instructor
Rio Linda	916-991-5929	Rio Linda Rec Center
Rocklin	916-632-4100	Rocklin Community Services-Brett Mattix
Willows	530-934-2638	John Hays
Diamond Springs	530-622-3794	Diamond Springs Fire Dept.-Bill Adams
Central Coast Region		
Alameda County		
Castro Valley	510-569-0213	First Saturday of every month-Chabot Gun Club
San Leandro	510-638-9605	Monthly
Dublin	925- 828-6416	Four classes per year-Buck Buchanan
Hayward	510-785-4868	Nov. 16-Wilderness Unlimited
Contra Costa County		
Concord	Register in person	Sept., Nov. classes-United Sportsman, Inc. Register at 4770 Evora Rd.
	925-685-5437	Concord Sportsman Inc.Cliff Ames, Instructor
Martinez	925-372-9599	Martinez Gun Club Sam Grow, Instructor
San Francisco County		
San Francisco	650-588-0924	Pacific Rod & Gun Club, John Brusco: Instructor
San Mateo County		
San Mateo	650-343-1280	Coyote Point Shooting Range-Don Del Grande
So San Francisco	510-713-8907	Oct. 26 th &27-Jackson Arms Bill Tidwell, Instructor
Santa Clara County		
Morgan Hill	408-842-7578	Nov. classes-Coyote Valley Sporting Clays
San Jose	408-972-2360	Sol Silverstein
Santa Cruz County		
Aptos	831-420-5309	(Press 5 on voice mail) Oct. 5 th &12 th –Aptos Library Richard Beller, Instructor
Solano County		
Vallejo	707-642-9094	Nov. classes-Warren Madison
Suisun	707-425-2618	Nov. classes-Salvatore DiMarco
Vacaville	707-449-4867	July-Dec. classes-The Shooting Gallery
Napa/Sonoma County		
Sonoma	707-648-0410	Nov. 11 th ,13 th ,&15 th Valley of the Moon Trap Club-Sam Grow
Napa	707-648-0410	Oct. 21 st , 23 rd , &25 th Napa Rifle & Pistol Club-Sam Grow
	707-253-4637	Napa County Sherrif-Deputy Don Stanley
San Benito County		
Chualar	831-679-5965	Nov. 2 nd & 3 rd Jim Miller, Instructor
Lake County		
Hidden Valley	707-987-8180	Classes pending
Lakeport	707-263-1585	Phil Phillips
Marin County		
San Rafael	707-769-8235	Nov. classes-Bullseye Shooting Range - Henry Hernandez, Instructor
Mendocino County		
Ukiah	707-485-0297	Ukiah Elks Club -Richard Turner, Instructor
	707-463-0434	Ocotber 5 th , 12 th , &19 th Ukiah Gun Club-Robert Fuchs
Monterey County		
Hollister	831-679-5965	November Jim Miller, Instructor
Salinas	831-663-3224	Sept. 21 st & 22 nd , Oct. 13 th & 14 th Bob Monahan
Hunter-Liggett	831-385-5327	Patterson Ranch in LockwoodWarden John Foster, Instructor
San Luis Obispo County		
Atascadero	805-461-5624	Santa Lucia Sportsmen's Assoc.-Jim Berman
San Luis Obispo	805-461-1698	Oct. 21 st ,22 nd ,24 th &26 - San Luis Obispo Sportmen's Assoc-Bill Plummer
	805-543-0429	Classes held when enough students sign up. Madelene Farris
Cambria/Paso Robles	805-238-4236	Classes held when enough students sign up. Todd Tognazzini
San Miguel	805-467-3209	San Miguel Lion's Club Frank Nations, Instructor
Santa Maria	805-937-2441	Santa Maria Gun Club Jim Banakus, Instructor

FALL2002 AND SPRING 2003 TURKEY SEASONS

The Fall 2002 wild turkey season is 16 days in length - November 9 through November 24, 2002. The fall bag limit will be 1 turkey, either sex, per day and 1 per season.

The Spring 2003 wild turkey season will be from March 29- May 4, 2003. The bag limit is 1 bearded turkey per day, 3 per season (A bearded turkey is one that has a beard visible through the breast feathers.).

The shooting hours for all upland game birds (including fall turkey season), except for pheasants and spring wild turkey season, shall be from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset. The shooting hours for pheasants shall be from 8:00 a.m. to sunset. The shooting hours for the spring wild turkey season shall be from one-half hour before sunrise to 4:00 p.m.

Forecast - Nesting and brood survival appears to be high. Numerous large broods of young birds are being seen throughout northern California. Turkey hunting this fall and next spring should be good.

Places to Hunt:

Black Butte Reservoir (8000 acres) - 25 miles west of Chico via Highway 32 and Newville Road. Waterfowl, quail, dove, pheasant, turkey, deer and wild pig are available. For info and a map contact the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 19225 Newville Road, Orland, CA 95963 or call (916) 865-4781.

Paynes Creek Area (17,000 acres of blue oak woodland and riparian forest, many creeks) - Hunting daily during hunting seasons - Located between Cottonwood and Red Bluff. Dove, quail, turkeys and waterfowl are available. For further info contact the BLM in Redding at (530) 224-2100.

Tehama Wildlife Area (44,601 acres) - Type C area - Open for hunting all year except for the southern portion of the wildlife area, south of Hogsback Road, which is closed to public entry from February 1 to the first Saturday in April for the purpose of not disturbing wintering deer. The wildlife area is generally open to all hunting except for the G-1 Late Season Buck Hunt for Zone C-4. G-1 USE PERMITS are issued by drawing for that season which generally begins the 4th Saturday in October and extends for 9 days. No pig hunting except during April/May by USE PERMIT only. Access: Headquarters is located 23 miles east of Red Bluff via Highway 36 and south on Plum Creek Road. Hogsback Road enters the wildlife area 16 miles east of Red Bluff. Best turkey hunting areas are Plum and Oak Creeks, and De-haven Gulch. For info and a map call (530) 597-2201.

Lake Oroville State Recreation Area - Hunting daily from September 15 through January 31 and during the spring wild turkey season(when only turkeys may be hunted) - (4,150 acres) - 7 miles east of Oroville via Hwy 162; boat access to much of the area. The majority of the Recreation Area lands consists of a narrow strip surrounding Oroville Lake extending a minimum of 300 feet from the high water line to one-half mile or more in some areas. Some U.S. Forest Service and BLM lands adjoin the Recreation Area. CA and mtn quail, wild turkey, band-tailed pigeon, rabbits, squirrels and pheasant are also available. No waterfowl or deer hunting allowed. Hunting on or from the water surface of Lake Oroville is prohibited. For a map contact the Lake Oroville State Recreation Area, 400 Glen Drive, Oroville, CA 95966 or call (916) 538-2200 or 538-2219.

Spenceville Wildlife Area (11,213 acres) and Daugherty Hill WA (4,200 acres) -Type C areas -Both WA's are 20 miles east of Marysville. No permits needed for the fall turkey season. Permits issued by drawing at the DFG, Region 2 office for Sat., Sun., and Wed., for the first 9 days of spring turkey season. For maps call the DFG at (530) 743-5068.

Feather River Wildlife Area - Type C areas -Units are located 23-28 miles north of Sacramento on both sides of the Feather River. This WA is occasionally flooded during spring turkey season. The Lake of the Woods Unit (700 acres) is located 25 miles north of Sacramento and 10 miles south of Marysville on Feather River Boulevard. Access is south from the Star Bend Fishing Access. The Nelson Slough Unit (800 acres) is located 23 miles north of Sacramento, 17 miles south of Yuba City and under the Highway 99 Feather River Bridge. Access is east or west on Sacramento Avenue. The O'Connor Lake's Unit (471 acres) and the Abbott Lake Unit (439 acres) are 30 miles north of Sacramento and 10 miles south of Yuba City at the east end of Star Bend Road. Park on top of the levee at the end of Star Bend Road. Waterfowl, rabbit, quail, dove, tree squirrel, pheasant, wild turkey, coyote, crow, and deer hunting are available. Shotguns and archery equipment only. For maps call DFG at (530) 743-5068

Auburn State Recreation Area (30,000 acres) - South of Interstate 80 near Auburn. Hunting is allowed from Sept. 1 to Jan. 31 and spring turkey season. Only shotguns, rifles or bows and arrows may be used. Popular game species include deer, valley quail, dove, band-tailed pigeon and wild turkey. Write the Auburn State RA, CA Dept. of Parks and Recreation, P.O. Box 3266, Auburn, CA 95604 or call (916) 885-4527/988-0205 for maps and information.

El Dorado National Forest - 15 miles east of Placerville. Park Creek Road, Silver Lake Road, and Iron Mountain Road access the ridges on the east and south sides of Jenkinson Lake. The property immediately surrounding Jenkinson Lake is private. For a map contact the El Dorado NF Info Center, 3070 Camino Heights Drive, Camino CA 95709 or call (916) 644-6048.

New Hogan Lake (400 acres) - 30 miles east of Stockton. For a map contact the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 2713 Hogan Dam Blvd., Valley Springs, CA 95252 or call (209) 772-1343.

Lake Sonoma - 14 miles west of Healdsburg. Fall and spring turkey hunting by reservation only. For information contact the DFG, Region 3 at 707 944-5500. No other hunting allowed. See reservation info.

Lake Mendocino - East of Ukiah. For spring turkey hunting reservation information contact the DFG, Region 3 at 707 944-5500. For other hunting info contact the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at 707 462-7581.

Mendocino NF east of Covelo (Mendocino County) and in the Lake Pillsbury area (Lake County). For a map contact the Mendocino NF, 420 East Laurel St., Willows, CA 95988 or call (916) 934-3316.

Cache Creek Wildlife Area (3,860 acre of DFG land) and Cache Creek Management Area (85,000 acres of BLM land) in Lake, Yolo and Colusa Counties.

Indian Valley Wildlife Area (1,600 acres of DFG land) and Indian Valley Management Area (50,000 acres of BLM land) in Lake and Colusa Counties

Cow Mountain Recreation Area (50,000 acres of BLM land) in Lake and Mendocino Counties.

Cedar Roughts Area (About 6,500 acres of BLM and DFG land in 2 blocks in Napa County).

Boggs Mountain State Forest on Hwy 29 near Hobergs;

SEE PAGES 13 AND 14 FOR DETAILED DESCRIPTIONS FOR THE ABOVE WILDLIFE AREAS.

National Forests in the Sierras Nevada Mtns. - The lower elevation areas sometimes have turkeys. Purchase a National Forest map and hike the lowest elevation areas looking for turkey sign in the oak groves.

Oroville Wildlife Area (11,871 acres) - West side of Oroville CA. Spring turkey hunting by reservation only. No fall turkey hunting on this area. Waterfowl, rabbit, quail, dove, tree squirrel, chukar, bobwhite, coyote, crow, and deer hunting are also available. For maps call DFG at (916) 358-2900.

Editors Note - If you notice any errors or omissions with this article, please call 530 743-5068 and leave a message with the name of the article and the comment.

Pig Hunting at the Tehama Wildlife Area

Wild pig hunts may be offered on the Tehama Wildlife Area (23 miles east of Red Bluff on Highway 36) during February and March 2003. Call the Tehama Wildlife Area at (530) 597-2201 for season dates and application procedures. Hunt dates and procedures had not yet been set by press time.

Summary of 2002-03 Waterfowl Season Regulations

Ducks (all zones)

BAG LIMITS

Canvasbacks Are Closed

5 per day; 10 in possession, including:

not more than 1 mallard hen

not more than 1 pintail either sex during the 60 day season

not more than 2 redheads either sex

not more than 4 scaup

not more than 2 Mexican ducks in the Colorado River Zone only

Geese

Northeastern California, Southern San Joaquin Valley, and Balance of State zones

3 per day, 3 may be white geese and 2 may be dark geese, not more than one of which may be a small Canada goose (including Aleutian Canada geese) except in special closure areas where Canada goose hunting is prohibited.

Southern California and Colorado River zones

5 per day, up to 3 white and 3 dark, not more than one of which may be a small Canada goose (including Aleutian Canada geese).

SEASON DATES

DUCKS

Balance of the State Zone: 74 day split season

October 26 to November 10 and November 30 to January 26

Except Pintails: October 26 to November 10 and

December 14 to January 26

Southern San Joaquin Valley Zone: 81 day split season

October 19 to November 3 and November 23

through January 26

Except Pintails: October 19 to October 25 and

December 5 to January 26

Southern California Zone: 86 day straight season

November 2 to January 26

Except Pintails: November 28 to January 26

Northeastern California Zone: 86 day straight season

October 12 to January 5

Except Pintails: October 12 to December 10

Colorado River Zone: 101 day straight season

October 18 to January 26

Except Pintails: November 28 to January 26

GEESE

Balance of the State and Southern San Joaquin Valley Zones: 86 days

November 2 to January 26

Southern California Zone: 100 days

October 19 to January 26

Northeastern California Zone: 100 days

October 12 to January 19

Colorado River Zone: 101 days

October 18 to January 26

BRANT

Statewide: November 10 to December 9

YOUTH HUNT DAYS

Northeastern California Zone – Sept. 28 & 29, 2002

Balance of the State Zone – Nov. 16 & 17, 2002

and Feb. 1 & 2, 2003

So. San Joaquin Valley Zone – Nov. 9 & 10, 2002

and Feb. 1 & 2, 2003

Southern California Zone – Feb. 1 & 2, 2003

Colorado River Zone – Feb. 1, 2003.

Spinning-wing Decoys:

"Prohibition on Electronic or Mechanically-operated Devices. Electronic or mechanically-operated calling or sound-reproducing devices are prohibited when attempting to take migratory game birds. It is unlawful to use electronic or mechanically-operated spinning blade devices or spinning wing decoys when attempting to take waterfowl between the start of waterfowl season and November 30. For the purposes of this regulation, wind-powered spinning blade devices and kites are not prohibited."

September 2002

27-30 Turkey Vulture, Raptor & Fall Migration Festival, Kern County. (760) 378-4013

28 Brushup Day, Sacramento & Delevan National Wildlife Refuges, Glenn County. Free (530) 934-2801

28 Statewide Free Fishing Day, Department of Fish and Game (916) 358-2872, (415) 892-0460, (562) 590-4835, (559) 243-1462

28 National Public Lands Day, Across the State. Free (202) 833-2933 x474 www.npld.com

28 Oroville Salmon Festival, Butte County. Free (530) 538-2542
TBA Youth Waterfowl Hunt in northeastern zone, tentatively the weekend prior to the opening of regular season. Call for the dates and details. (530) 225-2300



October 2002

5 Tarantula Fest and Fall BBQ, Santa Clara. \$ (408) 848-4006 www.coepark.parks.ca.gov

5-6 Trinity County Salmon Festival, Trinity County. \$ (530) 623-2760 www.tcarts.com

5-6 Kokanee Salmon Festival, El Dorado County. Free (530) 573-2674 www.r5.fs.fed.us/ltbmu/

6-12 National Wildlife Refuge Week, <http://pacific.fws.gov> <http://refuges.fws.gov> OR <http://sacramentovalleyrefuges.fws.gov>

12 Crane Tour Day at Merced NWR, Merced County. Free (209) 826-3508 <http://sanluis.fws.gov>

12-13 American River Salmon Festival, Sacramento County. \$ (916) 361-8700 www.salmonfestival.net

13 Truckee River Day, Nevada County. Free (530) 265-4531 www.r5.fs.fed.us/tahoe

19 Return of the Salmon Festival, Shasta County. Free (530) 225-2566 www.r1.fws.gov

26-27 Headwater Honker Preserve Junior Pheasant Hunt, Plumas County. (916) 358-2877

TBA - Junior Waterfowl Hunts at Lower Klamath NWR, Siskiyou County 2nd and 3rd Saturdays after season starts. 1 pm (530) 667-2231

November 2002

Apply for December youth waterfowl hunts in November.

1 Grassland Environmental Education Center tour season begins, Merced County. (209) 704-4772

2-3 Feather River Wildlife Area Junior Pheasant Hunt, Sutter County. (916) 358-2877

3 Desert Cleanup, San Diego County. Free (760) 767-5391 www.parks.ca.gov

8-11 Sandhill Crane Festival, San Joaquin County. \$ (209) 367-7840 www.lodichamber.com

8-11 Lodi Salmon Festival, San Joaquin County. \$ (209) 333-6890 www.lodichamber.com

9-10 Taft Junior Pheasant Hunt, Kern County. Reservations required. (559) 243-4005 ext132

9-10 Modesto Junior Pheasant Hunt, Stanislaus County. Reservations required. (559) 243-2005 ext 132

16 Gray Lodge Wildlife Area Junior Pheasant Hunt, Butte County. (916) 846-3315

16 Junior Pheasant Hunt, Lake Isabella. Kern County. Reservations required. (559) 243-2005 ext 132

16 Vic Fazio/Yolo Wildlife Area Junior Pheasant Hunt. (530) 757-2461

16-17 O'Neill Forebay Wildlife Area Junior Pheasant Hunt, Merced County. Reservations required. (559) 243-2005 ext132

16-17 Success Lake Junior Pheasant Hunt, Tulare County. Reservations required. (559) 243-2005 ext132

16-17 Little Dry Creek Wildlife Area Junior Pheasant Hunt, Butte County. (530) 982-2169

16-17 Delta Islands Wildlife Area Junior Pheasant Hunt, San Joaquin County. Reservations required. (209) 948-7068 www.dfg.ca.gov

16, 24, 30 Junior Pheasant Hunt at Mendota Wildlife Area. Reservations required. (559) 243-2005 ext132

23 Oroville Wildlife Area Junior Pheasant Hunt, Thermalito Afterbay, Butte County. (530) 538-2236

23-24 O'Neill Forebay Wildlife Area Junior Pheasant Hunt, Merced County. Reservations required. (559) 243-2005 ext132
TBA-Second half of dove hunting season opens. www.dfg.ca.gov

TBA Stockton Sportsmen's Club Junior Pheasant Hunts, San Joaquin County. Held every day from the pheasant opener to the Saturday prior to the close of the season. Free (209) 957-9717

December 2002

December thru March, Bald Eagle Count, San Bernadino County, (760) 389-2281 http://parks.ca.gov/default.asp?page_rd=650

7 Candlelight Celebration of the Ancient Forest, Humboldt County. \$ (707) 822-7611 x5300 www.orkick.net

7 Restoria-Putah Creek Council, Yolo Co. Free (530) 297-5023

14 Christmas Bird Count, Across the State. (916) 481-5332 www.audubon.org/bird/cbc

14 Sacramento NWR Youth Waterfowl Hunt, Glenn County. Apply in November. (530) 934-2801

15 Llano Seco Ranch Junior Pheasant Hunt, Glenn County. Apply in November (530) 934-2801

21 Delevan NWR Youth Waterfowl Hunt, Colusa County. Apply in November. (530) 934-2801

TBA Grizzly Island Junior Waterfowl Hunts, Solano County. Apply in November. (707) 425-3828

January 2003

17-19 Sacramento International Sportsmen's Exposition Youth Fair, Cal Expo, Sacramento County. Free www.sportsexpo.com

18-19 Snow Goose Festival, Butte County. \$ (530) 345-1865 www.sacrivertrust.org/events.html

18-20 San Francisco Bay Flyway Festival, Solano County. \$ (707) 557-9816

www.sfbayflywayfestival.com

18-21 Morro Bay Winter Bird Festival, San Luis Obispo County. \$ (805) 772-4467 www.morro-bay.net/birds

21-2/2 San Mateo International Sportsmen's Exposition Youth Fair, San Mateo County. Free www.sportsexpo.com

TBA Youth Waterfowl Hunt Days, balance of the state zone. Tentatively the weekend following the close of the regular season. (916) 445-3445 www.calwaterfowl.org www.dfg.ca.gov

February 2003

1-2 Junior Pheasant Hunt, San Luis Obispo Co. (805) 238-4236

7-10 San Diego Bay Bird Festival, Chula Vista County. Free (619) 516-0139 www.sandiegonaturefestivals.org

8 San Francisco Bay Duck Days, Alameda. \$ (510) 792-0222 <http://desfbay.fws.gov>

14-16 Pleasanton International Sportsmen's Exposition Youth Fair, Alameda County www.sportsexpo.com

14-17 California Duck Days, Yolo County. \$ (530) 758-5001 www.duckdays.org

15-16 Wetland Adventures, Sacramento NWR, Glenn County, Free (530) 934-2801

Emergency Action Taken By Fish and Game Commission To Avoid Spread of Fatal Deer Disease

Emergency action taken by the California Fish and Game Commission in August will require hunters to follow strict guidelines for bringing deer and elk meat into California.

To reduce the threat of CWD to California's deer and elk herds, the regulation restricts the importation of hunter harvested deer and elk meat, to boned meat or processed cuts of meat, hides, and heads that have no part of the spinal column or brain attached, carcasses that are submitted to a certified meat processor for processing within 72 hours, and heads that are submitted to a taxidermist within 72 hours.

CWD is a neurological disease that is fatal to deer and elk. It has been found in wild deer and elk in limited areas of Colorado, Wyoming, Nebraska, Wisconsin, South Dakota and New Mexico. CWD has also been identified in farmed elk in Colorado, Minnesota, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, Oklahoma and South Dakota. Although its method of transmission is not fully understood, disease experts believe CWD is passed through direct animal-to-animal contact, however, environmental contamination could also be involved. Wildlife officials in those states have attempted to limit further spread of the disease.

CWD has not been found in California. California is considered a "low risk" state because of its long-term ban on the importation of live elk, prohibition on elk farming, and its strict monitoring of live deer importations. Nevertheless, the DFG has been conducting a CWD surveillance program since 1999 and will continue to monitor wild deer populations.

While the emergency regulations restrict the importation of hunter-harvested deer and elk carcasses, the following body parts are allowed:

- Boned-out meat and commercially processed cuts of meat.
- Portions of meat with no part of the spinal column or head attached.
- Hides with no heads attached.
- Clean skull plates (no meat or tissue attached) with antlers attached.
- Antlers with no meat or tissue attached.
- Heads for taxidermy can be transported into the state only if they are submitted to a taxidermist within 72 hours of entry. Taxidermist shall dispose of brain, spinal cord and other discarded tissue in a landfill approved for carcass disposal.
- Finished taxidermy heads.
- Upper canine teeth (buglers, whistlers, ivories).
- Carcasses or parts of carcasses with the spinal column or head attached may be transported into the state only if they are submitted to a certified meat processor for processing within 72 hours of entry; certified meat processors shall not split the spinal column and shall dispose of the brain, spinal cord and other discarded portions in a landfill approved for carcass disposal.

Epidemiologists with the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta have studied CWD and found no link between it and any neurological disease that affects humans. However, it is suggested that hunters follow simple precautions when hunting:

- Wear rubber gloves when field dressing carcasses. Wash hands and instruments thoroughly after field dressing is completed.
- Minimize the handling of brain and spinal cord, eyes, spleen and lymph nodes and avoid consuming these tissues.

Californians who plan to hunt out-of-state should decide in advance how they will process their deer and elk. Some professional meat processors may begin requiring that the carcass be tested for CWD before they will accept it. "We are working with commercial meat processors to make sure they understand how the new regulation will affect them," said Dr. Pam Swift, a wildlife veterinarian for the DFG. "Many of them are working on their own guidelines for safe handling of out-of-state deer carcasses which could significantly affect hunters."

For more information about CWD, visit the DFG web site at, <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/hunting/wasting.html>, or contact DFG headquarters at 916-653-6420 to request a brochure.

Dip in Duck Numbers Comes as No Surprise – From Ducks Unlimited

Memphis, TN, July 12, 2002 - The latest numbers from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) confirm what most duck hunters and waterfowl experts suspected: Breeding duck numbers are down this year. In its annual report on breeding ducks and spring habitat conditions, the FWS estimates that total breeding duck populations fell 14 percent from a year ago, to 31.2 million birds. Experts are pointing to dry conditions and a late spring in key breeding areas as the cause of this decline.

"Overall, the numbers in this report are right in line with what our own field staff have observed," says Ducks Unlimited's Chief Biologist, Bruce Batt. "In general, habitat conditions are very poor, most species populations are down, and production is expected to be quite low in the west and the north."

Despite reduced populations, Batt points out that, "experienced hunters have learned that the most compelling factor determining hunting success is the weather, as was so dramatically demonstrated last year. Most will hope that the cold, wet spring will be mirrored this fall and winter to bring the birds back into traditional wintering locations where the annual hunting traditions can be renewed with family and friends."

Hunting Blinds for "Mobility Impaired Hunters"

A number of State Wildlife Areas and National Wildlife Refuges have hunting blinds designated for use by mobility impaired hunters. A "mobility impaired hunter" is defined as any person who has been issued a Department of Motor Vehicles "Disabled license plate, or permanent placard identification card, or a "Disabled Veteran" license plate, or a valid "Mobility Impaired Disabled Persons Motor Vehicle Hunting License" (FG Form 1460). The blue plastic "Disabled Parking Placard" may not be substituted for the required "Identification Card" which bears the name of the mobility impaired person. Disabled Hunters must provide the registration certificate for DMV issued disabled license plates.

Disabled accessible blind sites exist at the following areas: National Wildlife Refuges: Sacramento (3), Delevan (3), Merced (1), Kesterson (1). State Wildlife Areas: Gray Lodge (4), Grizzly Island (2), Upper Butte Basin (5), Yolo Bypass (1), Shasta Valley (1), North Grasslands Wildlife Area (2), Los Banos (2), San Jacinto (2), and Imperial/Sonny Bono Salton Sea (4).

Disabled hunters may apply for a drawing to hunt at disabled accessible hunting sites by checking the box marked "Disabled Accessible Hunting Site" on their reservation application. Disabled accessible blind sites not filled through the reservation draw conducted by the Department's License and Revenue Branch, will be filled through a special disabled only on-site draw or by a disabled only first-come, first-served waiting list or line. Disabled hunters who enter the special lottery draw, or first-come, first-served waiting list or line, may not enter any other lottery draw, or first-come, first-served list or line on the wildlife area or refuge for that hunt day.

Youth Waterfowl Hunt Day Changes, Questions and Answers

At their August 30, 2002 meeting the Fish and Game Commission adopted regulations that allow two additional Youth Hunting Days during the splits in the duck season in the Balance of State and the Southern San Joaquin Valley zones. In the Balance of State Zone these days are November 16 and 17, 2002 and in the Southern San Joaquin Zone, these days are November 9 and 10, 2002. During the November Youth Hunts, the pintail season is CLOSED. This differs from other Youth Hunts where youths will be able to take a pintail each day.

Reservations will be drawn as normal for all hunting days during the split so that adult hunters can hunt for geese and pheasants. However, remember that youths only can hunt ducks on the selected days when accompanied by a non-hunting adult.

When are the Youth Waterfowl Hunt Days in California: Northeastern California Zone – Sept. 28 & 29, 2002; Balance of the State Zone – Nov. 16 & 17, 2002 and Feb. 1 & 2, 2003; Southern San Joaquin Valley Zone – Nov. 9 & 10, 2002 and Feb. 1 & 2, 2003; Southern California Zone – Feb. 1 & 2, 2003; and Colorado River Zone – Feb. 1, 2003.

How do I apply for a reservation for the public areas and what areas will be open? For hunting on wildlife areas apply on a standard waterfowl reservation application and mail it to the address in Sacramento indicated on the application. Be sure the application is received at least 17 days before the Youth Waterfowl Hunt Day. In the Sacramento Valley the following areas will be open for the junior waterfowl hunt days: Yolo Bypass WA, Gray Lodge WA, Little Dry Creek Unit of the Upper Butte Basin WA, and the Sacramento, Delevan, and Colusa NWR's. In the San Joaquin Valley the following areas will be open: Los Banos WA, Volta WA; the Salt Slough Unit, Gadwall Unit and the China Island Unit of the North Grasslands WA; Blue Goose Unit, Kesterson Unit, San Luis Unit, West Bear Creek Unit and the Frietas Unit of the San Luis NWR; the Mendota WA, Kern NWR (Sat. only) and the Merced NWR. In the Bay Area, the Napa-Sonoma Marshes WA, Grizzly Island WA and the San Francisco Bay NWR will all be open. In Northern California, Humboldt Bay NWR (Sat. only), Lake Earl WA and Shasta Valley WA will be open.

How do I apply for a reservation on a private duck club? If you do not have an invitation from a private waterfowl club and wish to hunt in the Sacramento Valley, send your name, complete mailing address, telephone number and junior hunting license number to Youth Waterfowl Hunt, DFG, 1701 Nimbus Rd., Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. In the San Joaquin Valley area send your info to: Youth Waterfowl Hunt, Attn: Bill Cook, DFG, 18110 West Henry Miller Road, Los Banos, CA 93635. You will be notified where you can hunt on one of several private duck clubs which have made their clubs available to the public.

Can I hunt without a reservation on the public hunt areas? Yes, if there is space available. In the past most of the public areas have had ample spaces. Can I apply for more than one area? Yes, you may send one waterfowl reservation application for each area where you might like to hunt.

Can I hunt on a private property? Certainly, if you have written permission from the land owner.

Who can go with me and can they shoot? You must be accompanied by an adult 18 years old or older when hunting a public waterfowl area but that person may NOT shoot. They are there to supervise and guide you only and perhaps take pictures to record your hunt.

Will it cost anything for me to hunt or my chaperone to enter the area? No, it will not cost any money for you or your chaperone to participate in the Youth Waterfowl Hunt Day. They are FREE!!!

What species can I hunt? All waterfowl species that are in season and legal to hunt.

What are the shoot hours? Do I have to stop shooting at 12:00 noon? You may shoot the legal shoot hours for the area on which you are hunting and most locations will have a stop shooting time as printed in the regulation booklet (generally sundown). However, some private duck clubs do have a 12:00 noon stop shooting time and you will be obligated to stop shooting at that time.

I purchased my Junior Hunting License when I was 15 years old but I am now 16. Can I participate in the Youth Waterfowl Shoot Day? No. You must be 15 or younger to hunt the special Youth Waterfowl Shoot Day as per Federal regulations.

For more information on Youth Waterfowl Hunt Days, call (916) 445-3717 or (916) 648-1406 or visit these web sites: www.calwaterfowl.org or www.dfg.ca.gov.

APPLICATION- 2002

Sutter-Yuba Junior/Disabled Junior Pheasant Hunts & Sutter-Yuba Women's Pheasant Hunt

WAIVER OF LIABILITY

By signing my name hereto, I specifically waive for myself, my heirs administrators, assigns, and assignees, all claim and demand against the United States, the State of California, the County of Sutter, the County of Yuba, its officers, agents, servants, or employees, or the owner or owners of any land contained in this area, for all injury or loss accruing or arising in any manner whatsoever while I am exercising the privileges granted by this permit, using the area, or while in route to or from the same.

X _____
Signature of Junior

X _____
Signature of Adult Woman Hunter or
Adult Legally Responsible for Junior or
Woman hunter under 18.

Junior/Women's Pheasant Hunts held at the Nelson Slough Wildlife Area, 20 miles north of Sacramento on Highway 99 adjacent to the Feather River. From 1 mile north of the Feather River on Highway 99 turn east or left on Sacramento Avenue and follow the signs.

HUNT TIMES - Oct. 19 + 20: 9AM – 3PM Plan to arrive 30 minutes early
Oct. 26, 27, Nov. 2, 3: AM Hunts: 8:00 AM - 11:45 AM PM Hunts: 1:00 PM - 4:45 PM (Approx).

Definitions: Junior Hunter - A person who purchased a junior hunting license while under the age of 16 years. Woman Hunter - A female with a California resident or nonresident hunting license. Disabled Junior Hunter - A person who purchased a junior hunting license while under the age of 16 years and has a mobility impairment Must be able to safely handle a shotgun.

[] Check box if you would like to hunt more than one hunt if hunts are not full.

() Are you a disabled junior hunter? Please check

Indicate Preference (1-First Choice - 10-Last choice)

Yuba Co. Fish & Game Commission

[] SAT. 9 A.M. October 19, 2002 (Juniors+Women)
[] SUN. 9 A.M. October 20, 2002 (Juniors+Women)

Sutter Co. Fish & Game Commission

[] SAT. 8 A.M. October 26, 2002 (Juniors)
[] SAT. 1 P.M. October 26, 2002 (Juniors)
[] SUN. 8 A.M. October 27, 2002 (Juniors)
[] SUN. 1 P.M. October 27, 2002 (Juniors + Junior Disabled) Disabled Junior Hunt, Sunday, October 27, PM only.

Calif. Dept. of Fish & Game

[] SAT. 8 A.M. November 2, 2002 (Juniors+Women)
[] SAT. 1 P.M. November 2, 2002 (Juniors+Women)
[] SUN. 8 A.M. November 3, 2002 (Juniors+Women)
[] SUN. 1 P.M. November 3, 2002 (Juniors+Women)

Name of Woman/Junior _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Adult Hunting License # (Woman) _____

Jrs Age _____ Jr Hunting License # _____

Day Phone _____ Night Phone _____

ONE application per hunter may be submitted.

Mail applications to: Dept. of Fish and Game,
Sacramento Valley-Central Sierra Region
1701 Nimbus Road, Suite A, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670
(916) 358-2877
You can also apply by letter/postcard w/same info.
Recommendation - Apply for earlier dates if possible.

Oct. 19 & 20 Hunt Drawing-Deadline October 1, 2002 / Oct. 26 & 27 Hunt Drawing-Deadline October 8, 2002

Nov. 2 & 3 Hunt Drawing- Deadline October 15, 2002

Late applications accepted if hunts are not full

Quota of 65 hunters per hunt

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California Duck Days 2003

One of California's premier wildlife viewing festivals, California Duck Days 2003 will be held February 15th through 17th, 2003, in the Sacramento Valley region. This annual wetlands event offers a wide variety of activities, including over 40 field trips (some of which are not normally available to the public), workshops, family and youth activities, a dramatic student Art Show, and a large Exhibition Hall with educational displays, and demonstrations about wetlands and wildlife artworks for display, and many other special events.

Field trips will feature outstanding wildlife viewing opportunities, from waterfowl, shorebirds, hawks and threatened sandhill cranes to tule elk, pelicans, and songbirds. Many trips will be oriented to the beginning wildlife viewers. Others are available for the advanced birder with specific listing goals.

Registration for the 2002 festival is just \$40 for the entire 3 day festival, including an official festival T-shirt! The full pass includes access to all open field trips and on-site festival events, while the on-site pass (for just \$8 per day) is available for those not wishing to attend field trips. A one-day pass, with field trips and including a T-Shirt is \$25. The festival is free to youth 16 and under. Call 800-425-5001 for further information.

California Duck Days headquarters for all activities and carpooling for field trips is at the Veterans Memorial Center, 203 East 14th Street in Davis.

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